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2002/03 Report Card for the Ontario Drug Benefit Program



Drug Program Branch Mandate

- To develop and manage drug programs to ensure that optimal pharmaceutical services are provided for the protection and improvement of Ontarians' health.
- To manage a reimbursement system for prescription drugs.



Strategic Goals

- To ensure on-going access to cost-effective drug therapies through the recommendations of the Drug Quality and Therapeutics Committee (DQTC) and innovative management approaches;
- To manage pharmaceutical expenditures under ODB and present options for new program features and future program designs;



Strategic Goals

- To promote optimal drug therapy through the development and use of therapeutic guidelines and other evidence-based approaches;
- To maintain a high level of performance of the Health Network System which adjudicates claims;
- To maintain strong working relationships with other governments, drug manufacturers, pharmacists, physicians, third-party insurers, and consumers;
- To provide information to health care professionals and consumers about the ODB program.



Strategic Goals

- To make effective and efficient use of human, financial and technological resources in order to meet program objectives;
- To provide effective and efficient customer service to all our clients;
- To monitor ODB program performance through measures of efficiency, effectiveness and customer satisfaction.



Growth Factors

- newer and more expensive drugs;
- aging population;
- new clinical evidence (indications) and better treatment outcomes involving drug therapy;
- new diseases and new areas of pharmacology;
- increased utilization;
- restructuring of health system (shift to outpatient care);
- continued pressure for manufacturers to increase market share



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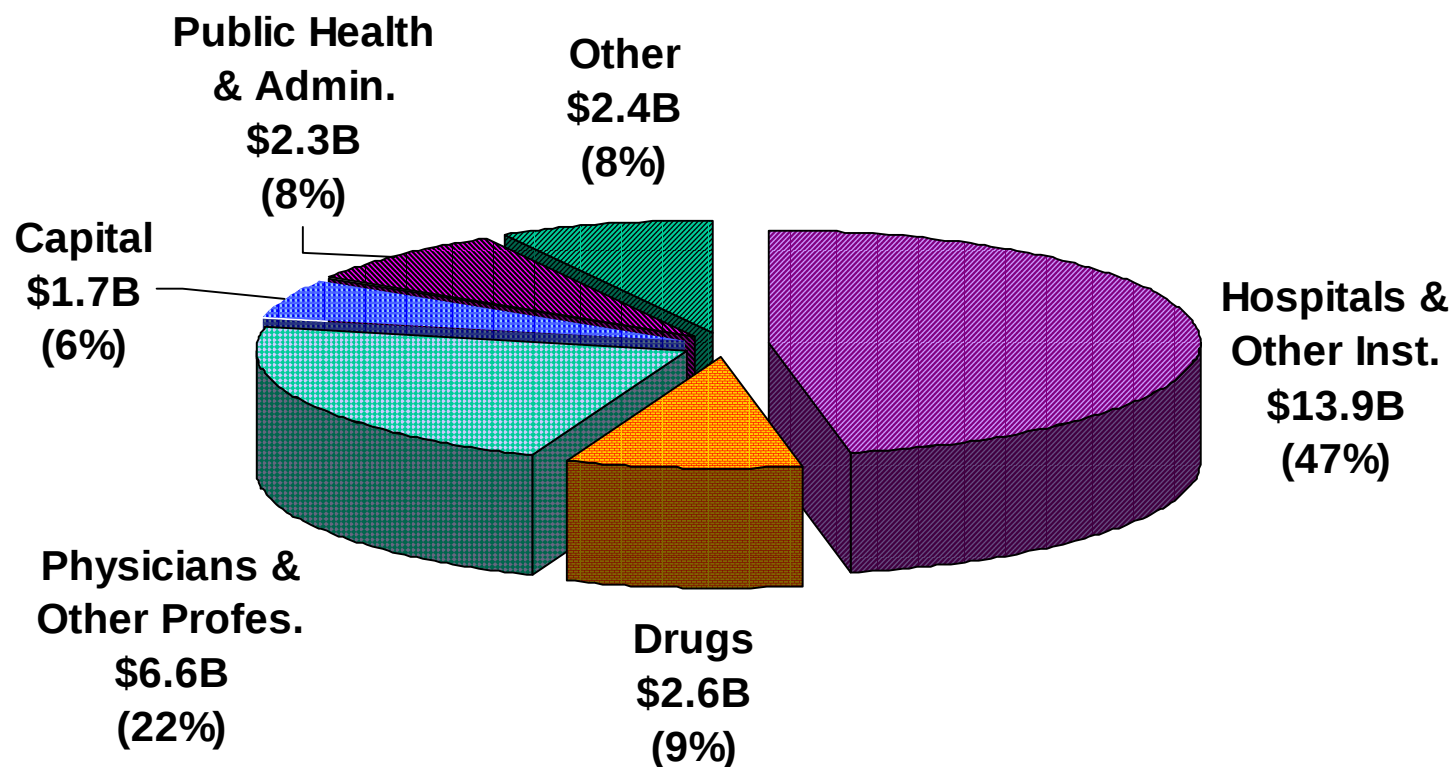


Definitions

- Beneficiary
 - Eligible person who had at least one claim during the fiscal year.
- Claim
 - Every time a pharmacist fills a prescription, initial or refill.
- Figures include MOHLTC and MCSS programs unless otherwise specified.



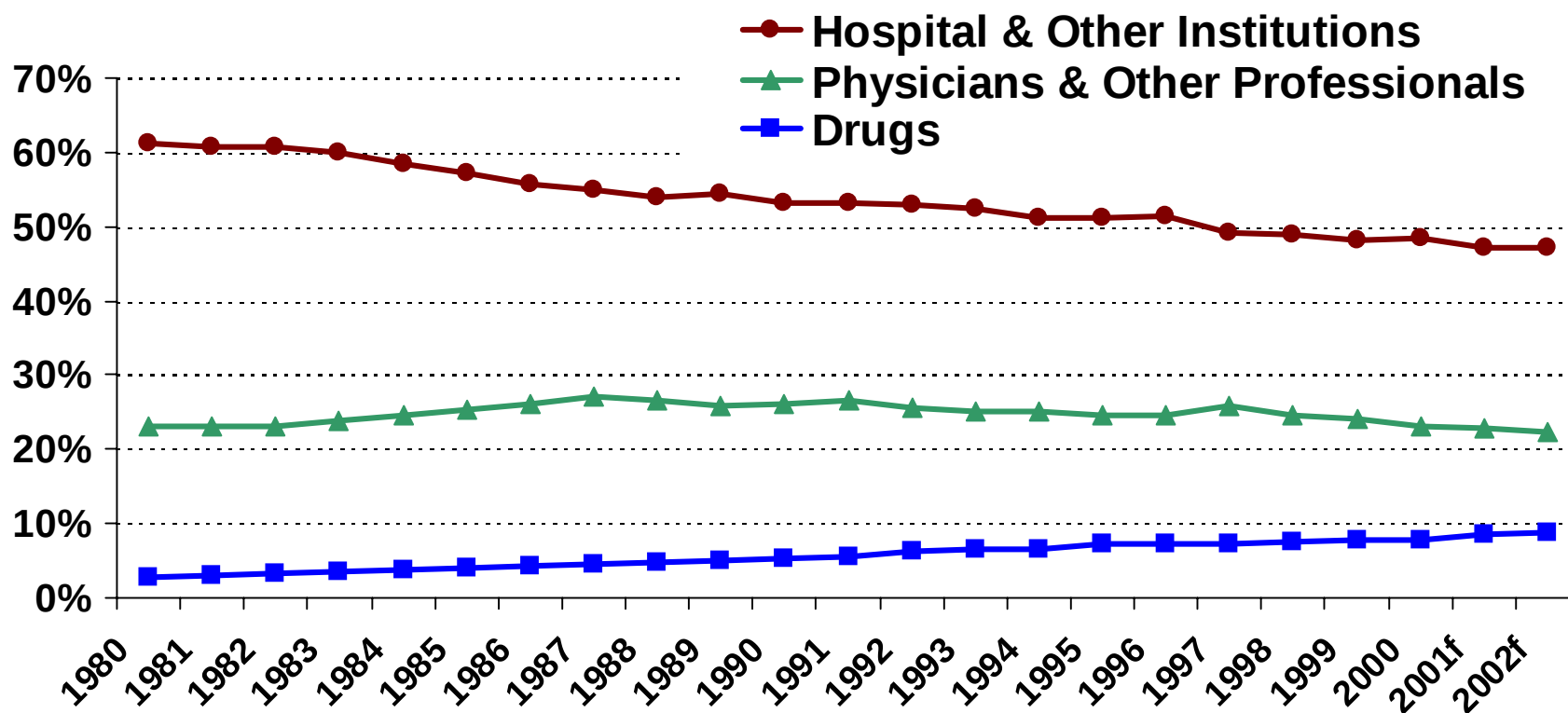
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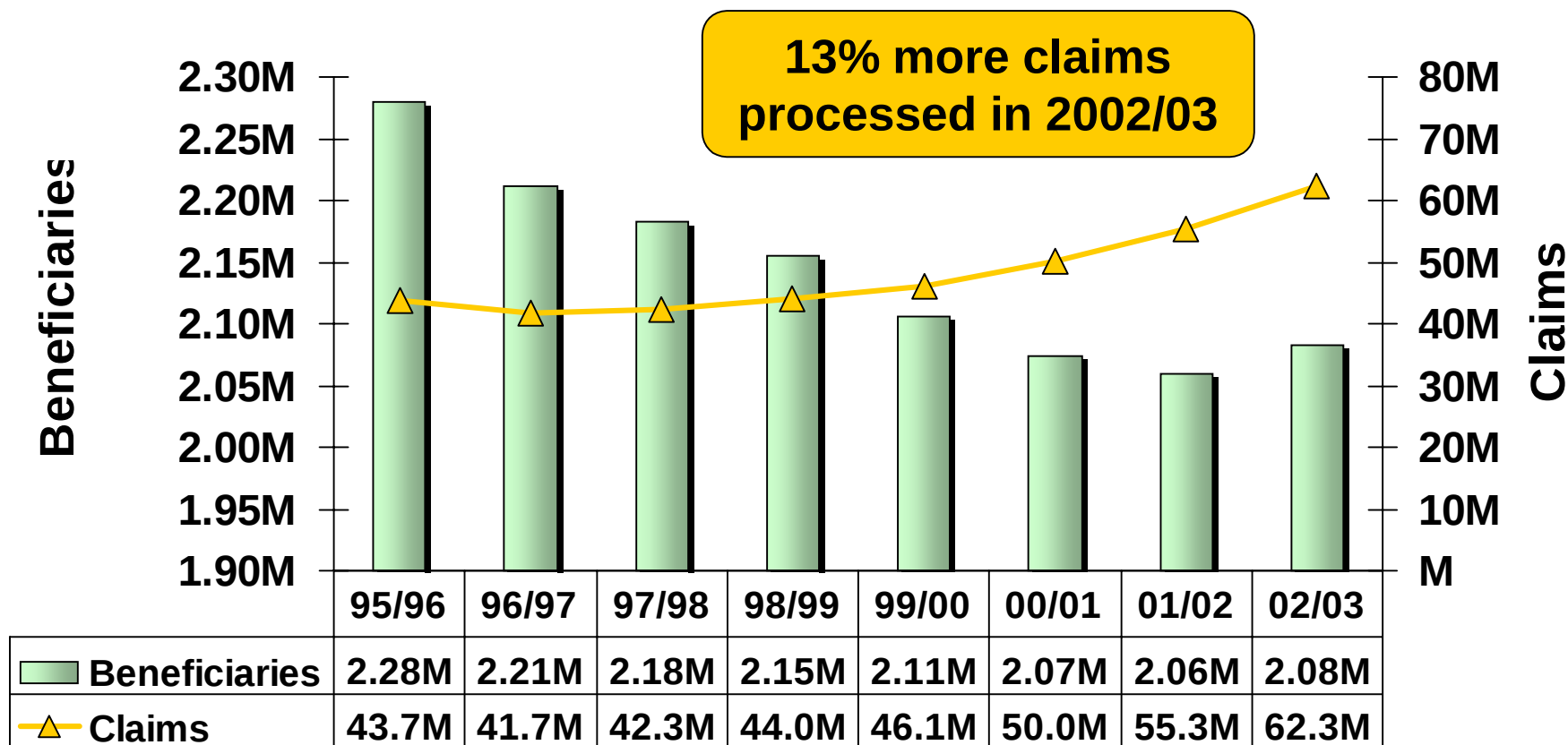
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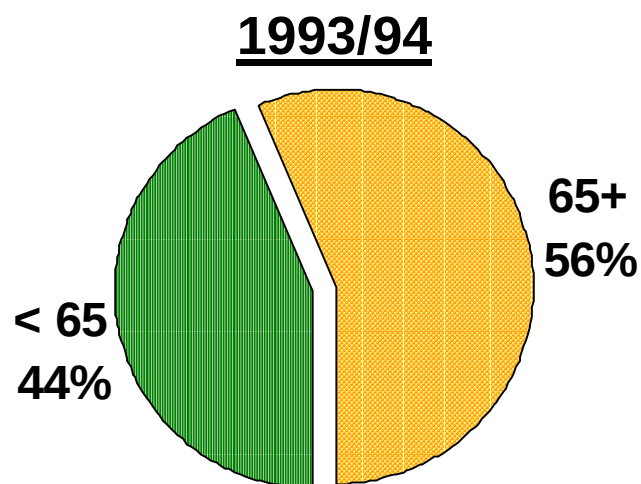


ODB Beneficiaries & Claims 1994/95-2002/03



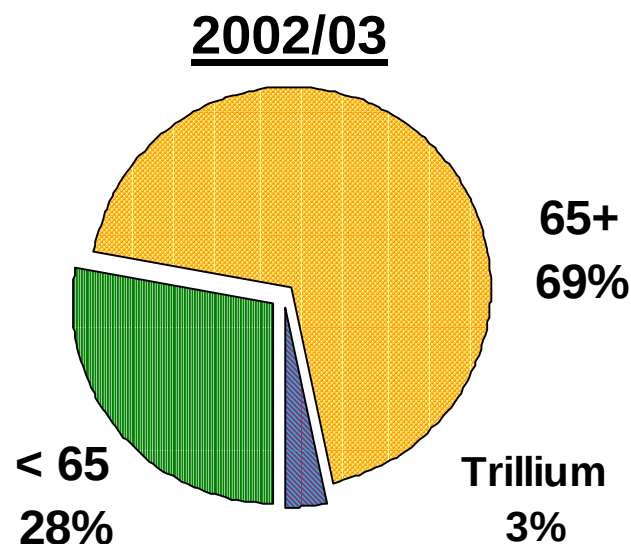


Age Breakdown of ODB Beneficiaries, 1993/94 & 2002/03



<65	967K
65+	1,013K
Total	2,210K

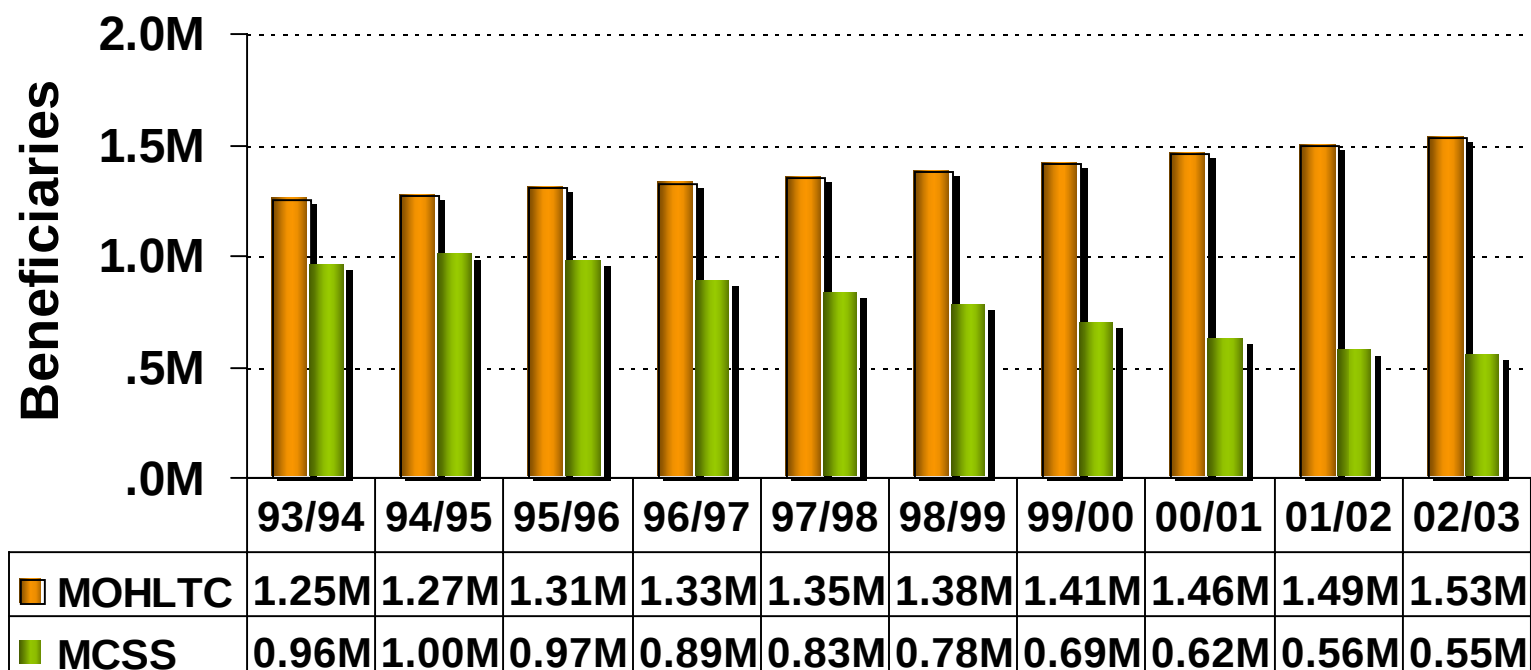
Excludes Trillium pre-registration.



<65	577K
Trillium	68K
65+	1,438K
Total	2,083K



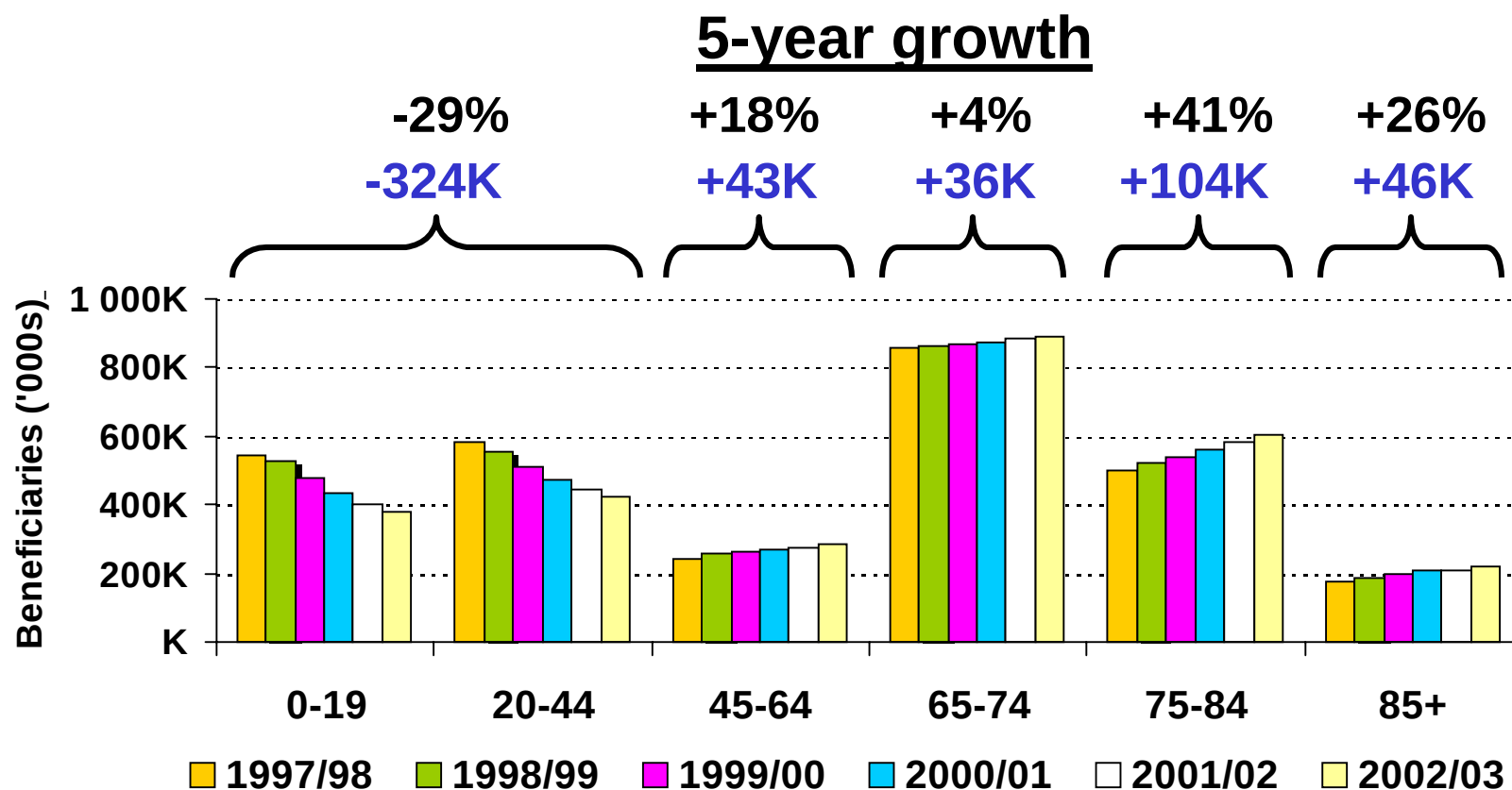
ODB Beneficiaries by Source of Finance, 1993/94-2002/03



From 1993/94 to 2002/03, the total number of beneficiaries decreased by 6%.

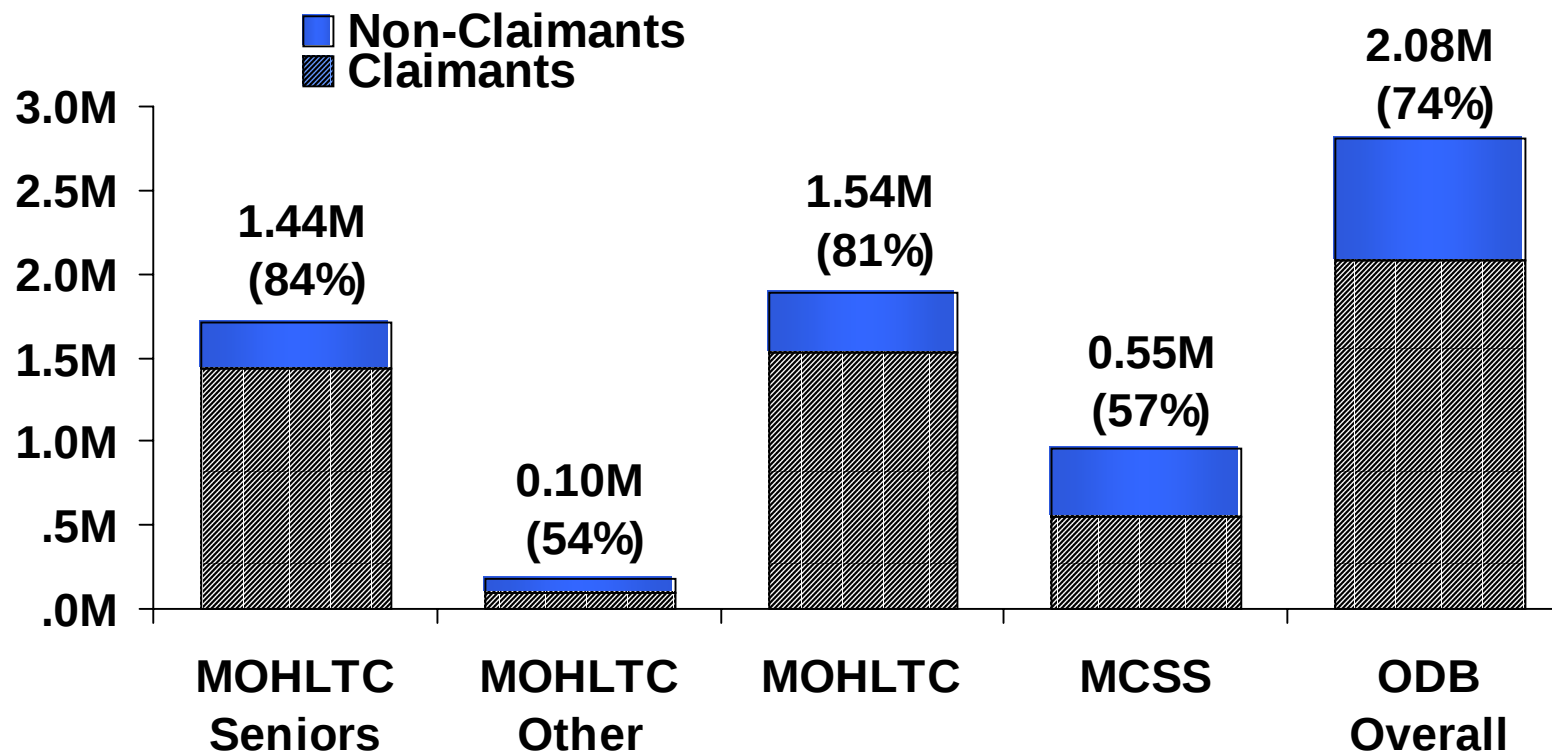


Age Distribution of Eligible Beneficiaries, 1997/98-2002/03





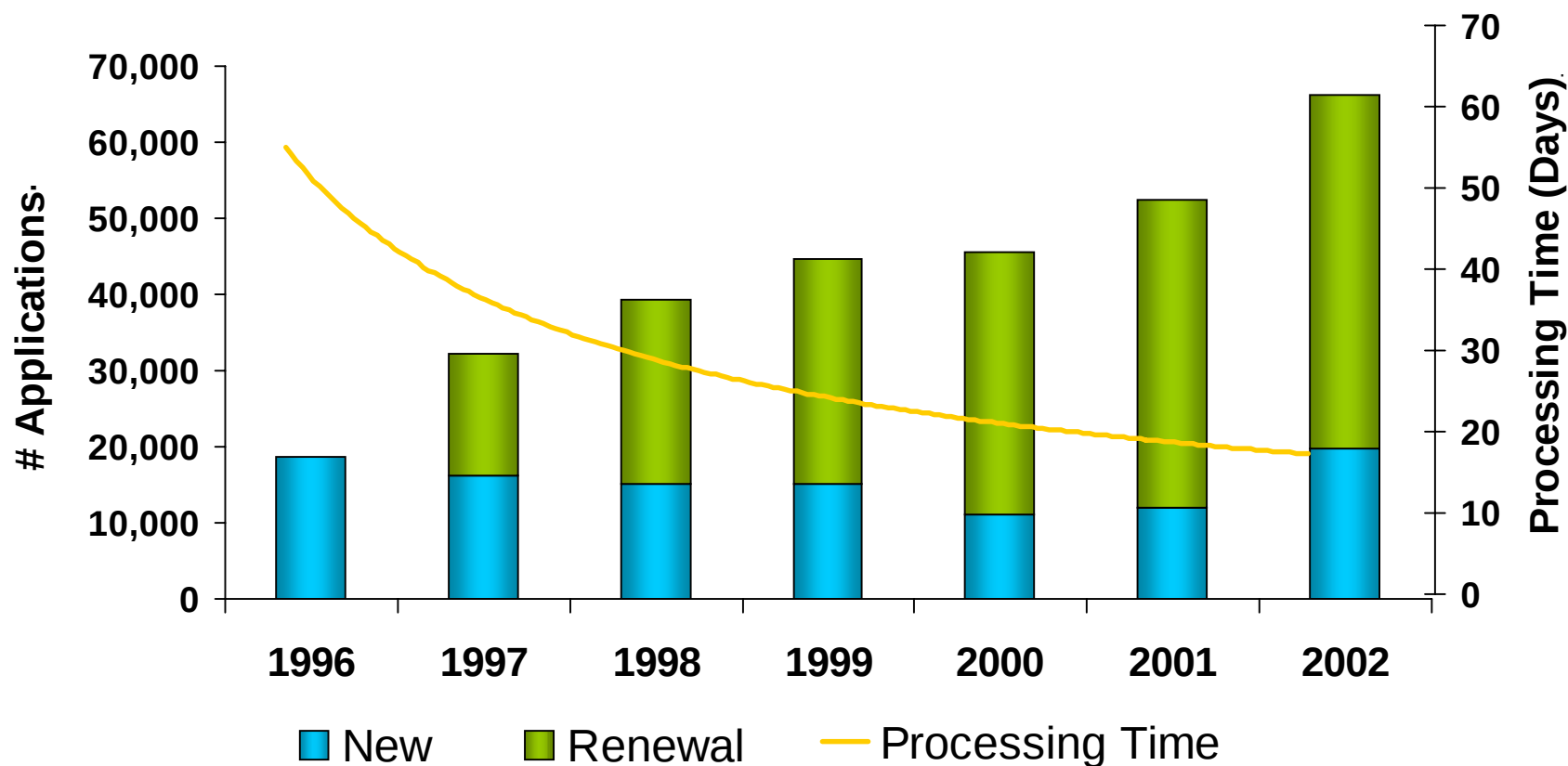
ODB Beneficiaries by Program, 2002/03



Labels are the number of active beneficiaries and their percentage of the total.

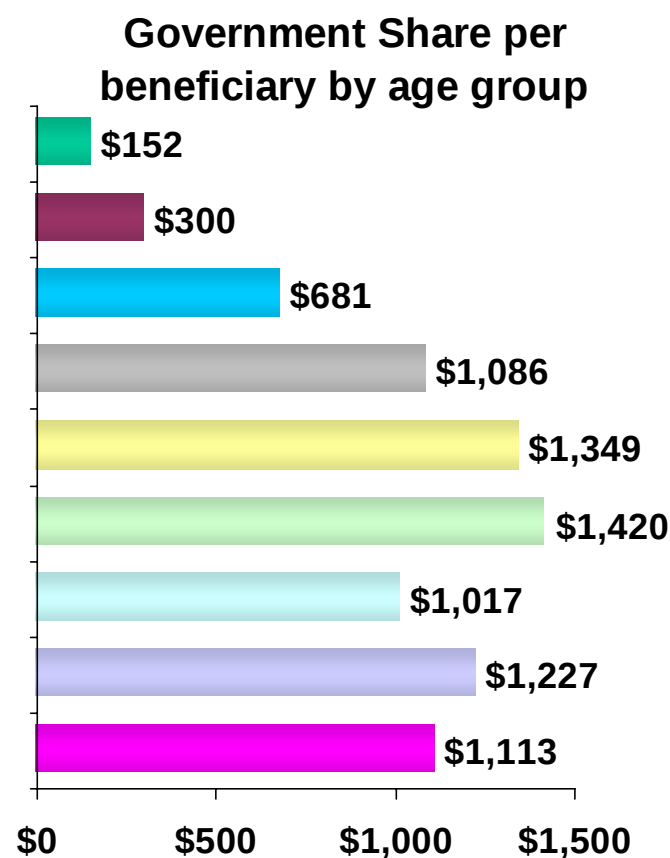
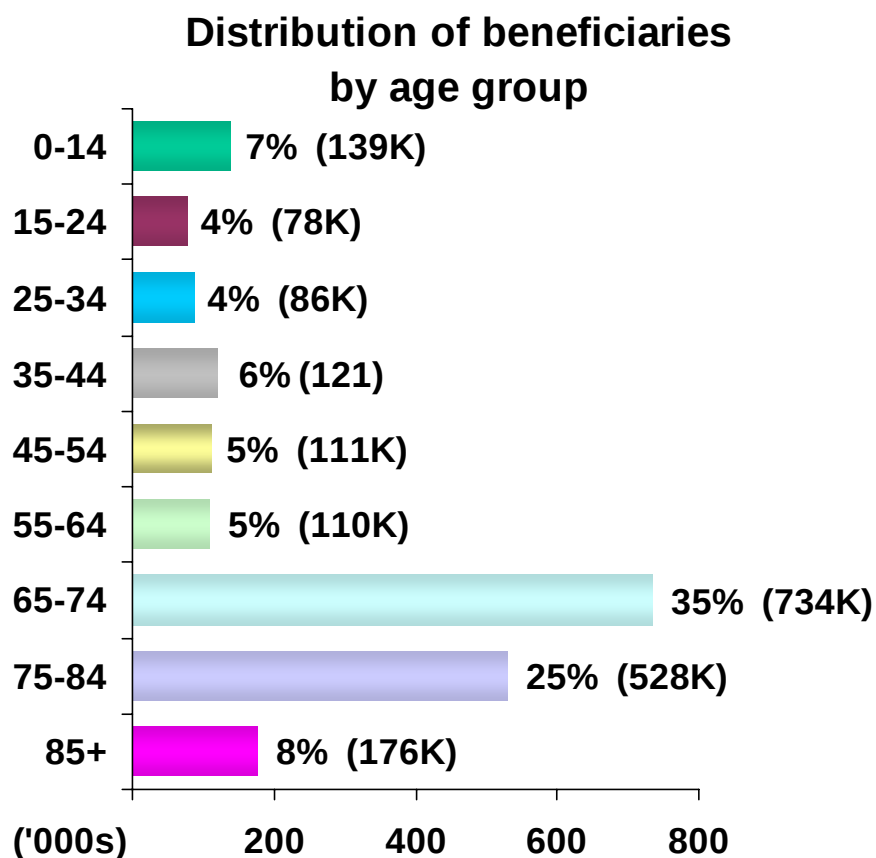


Trillium Applications & Processing Time, 1996 – 2002



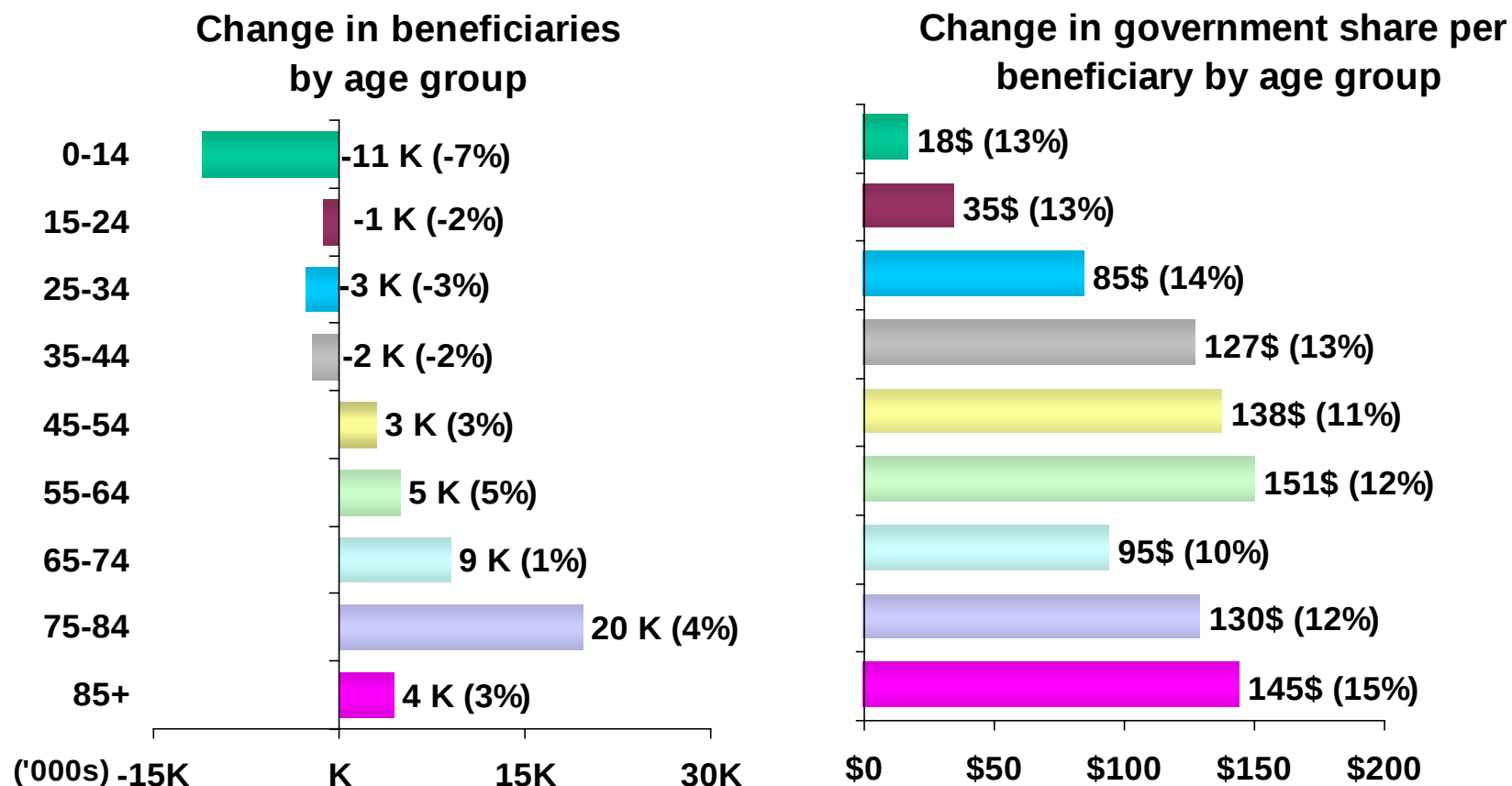


Beneficiary Distribution & Government Share by Age, 2002/03



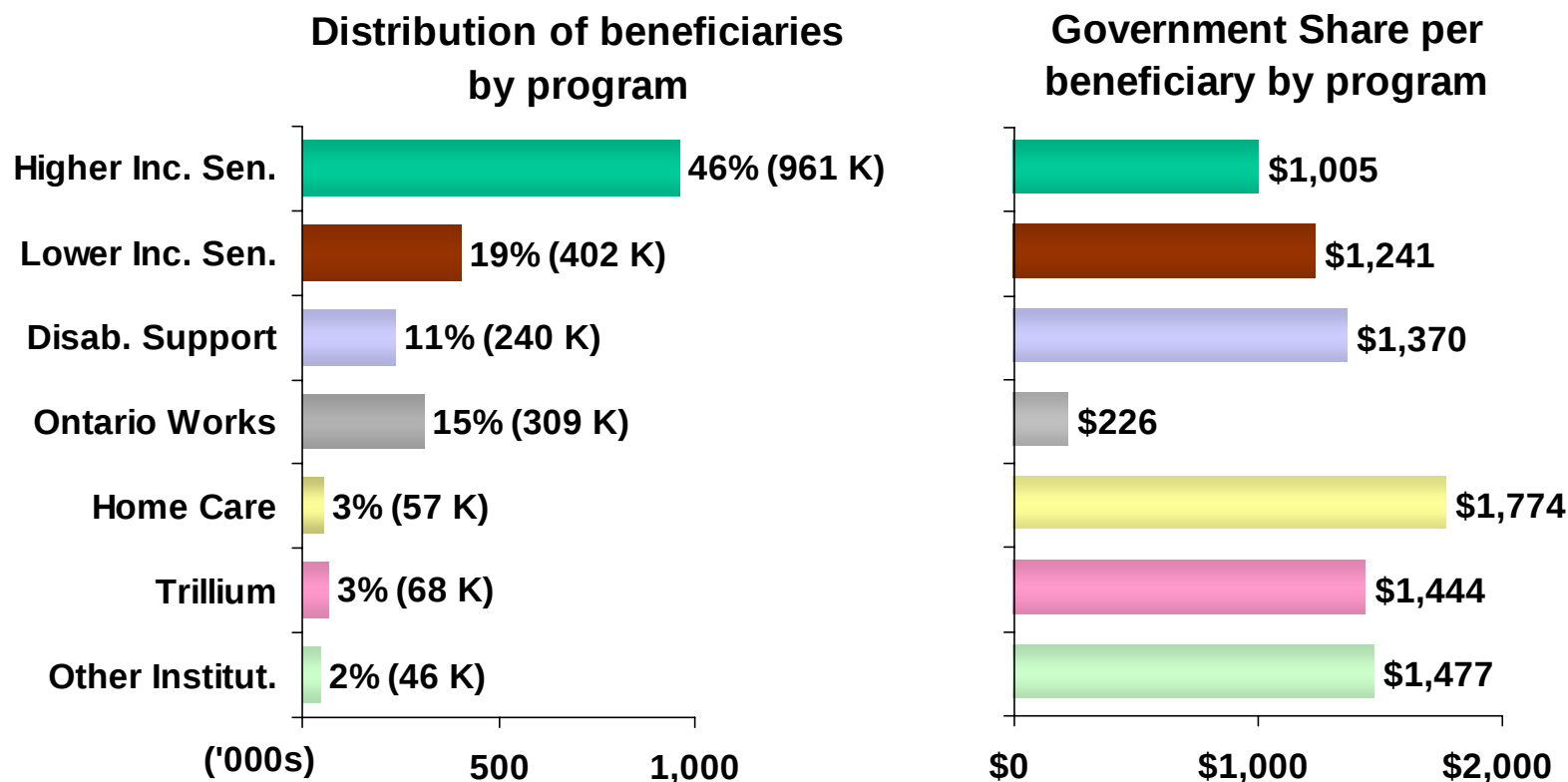


Change in Beneficiaries & Government Share, by Age, 2001/02-2002/03





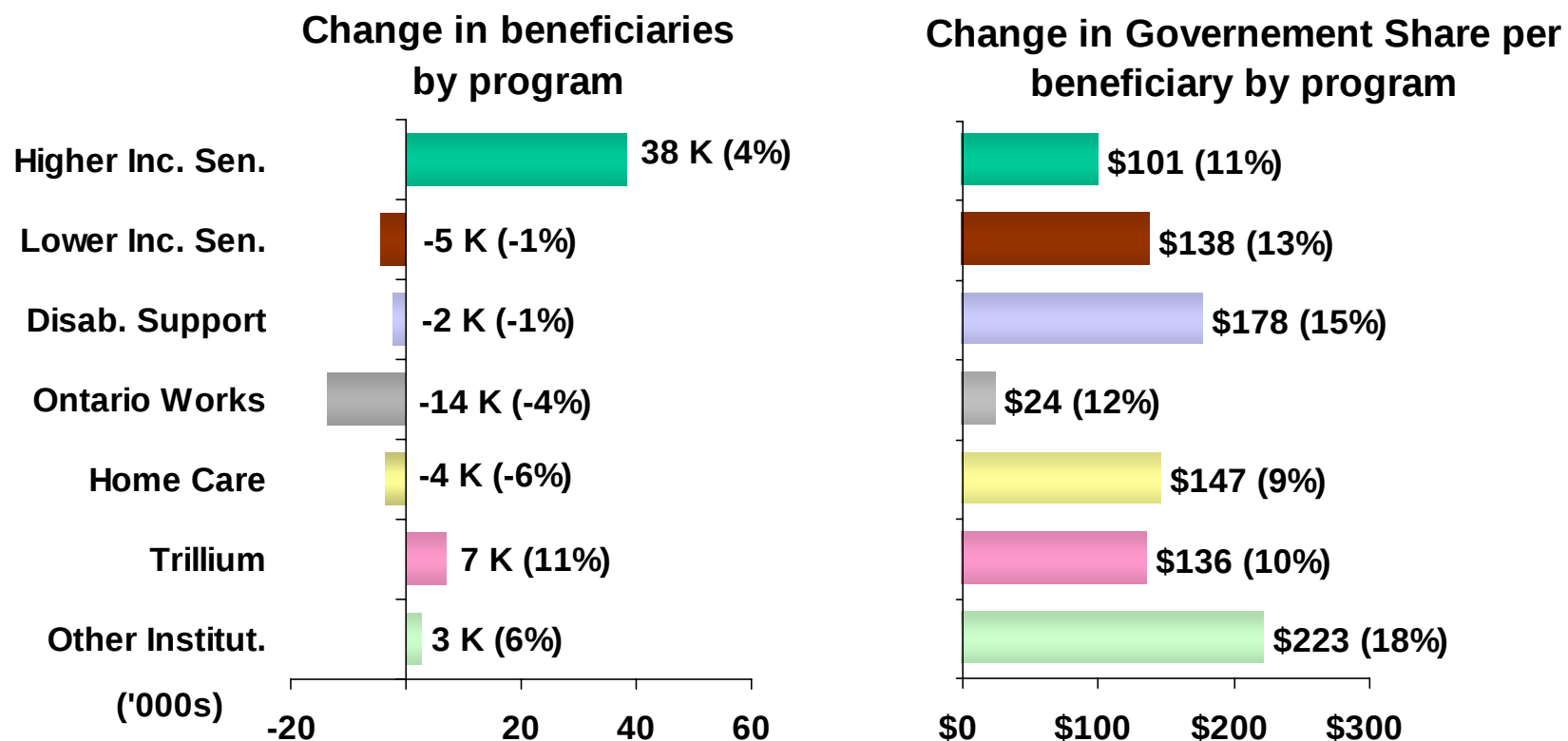
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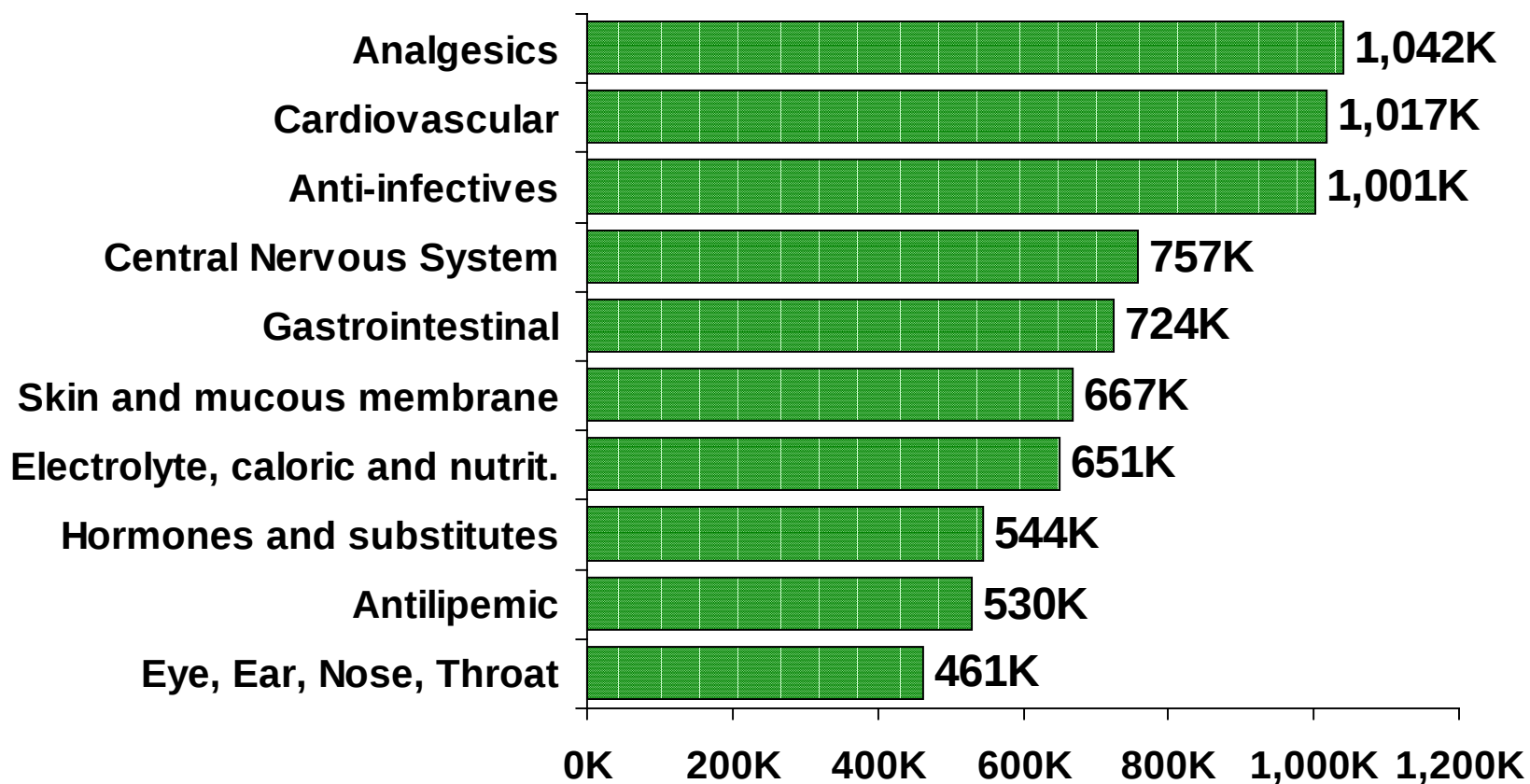
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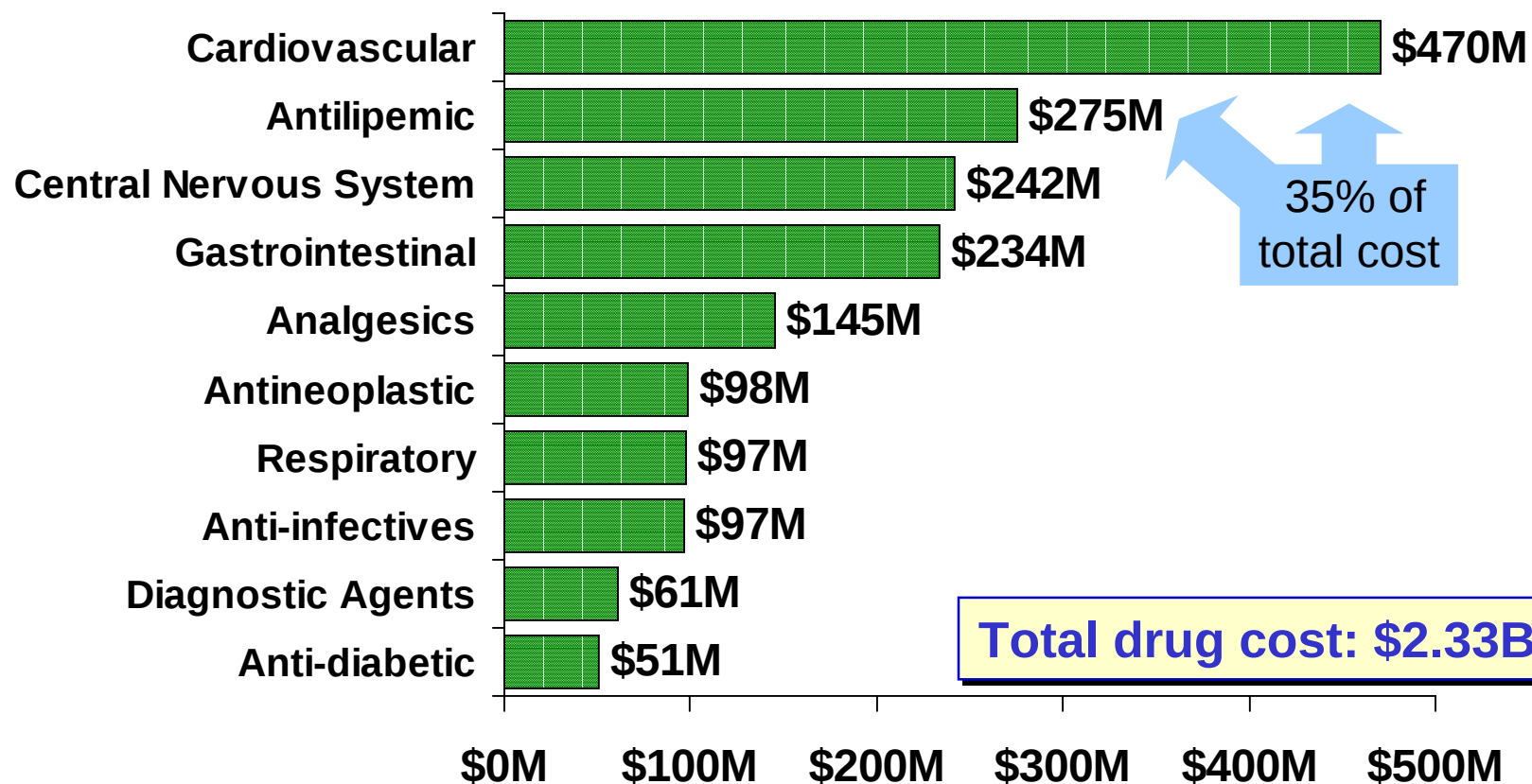


Top-10 Therapeutic Classes by Number of Users, 2002/03



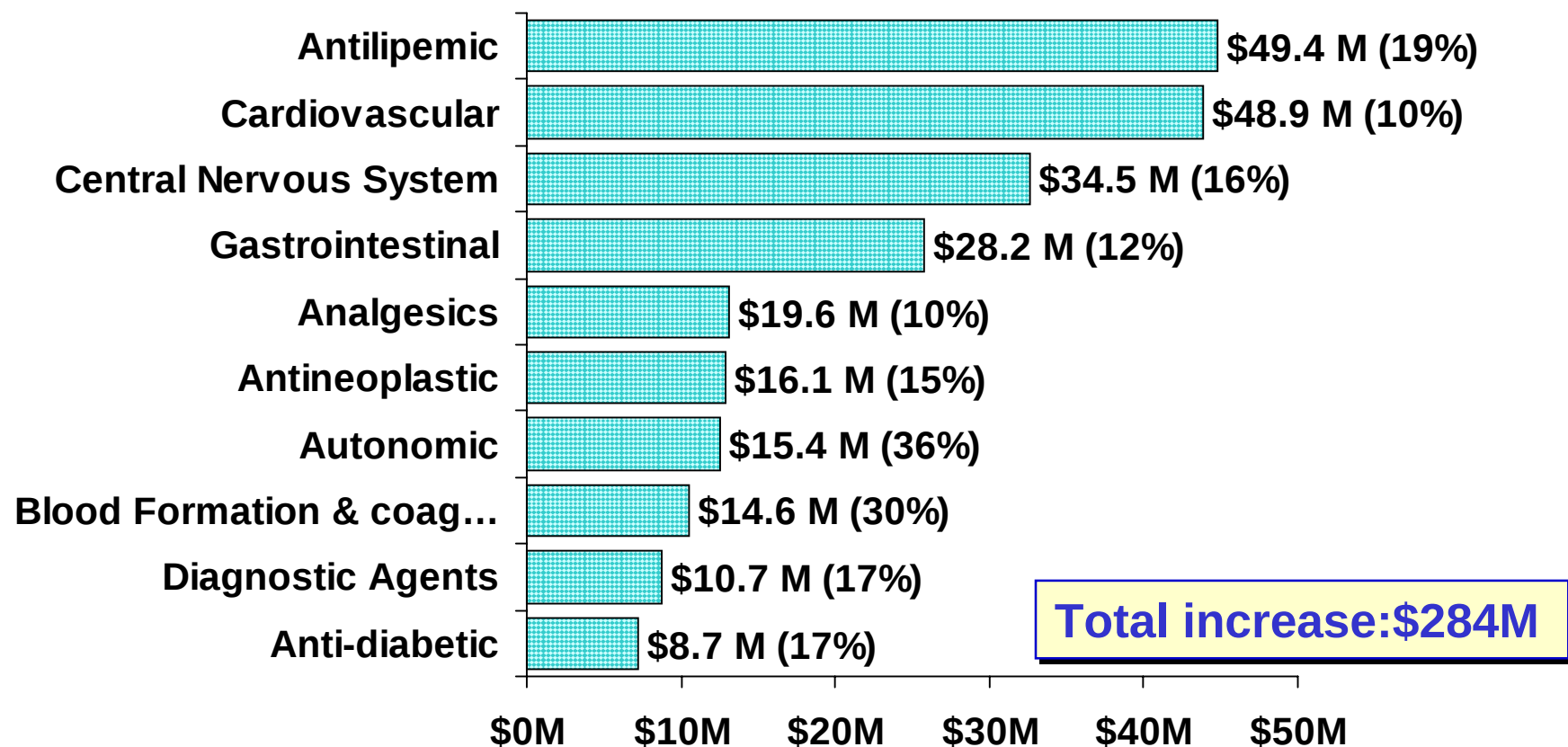


Top-10 Therapeutic Classes by Drug Cost, 2002/03



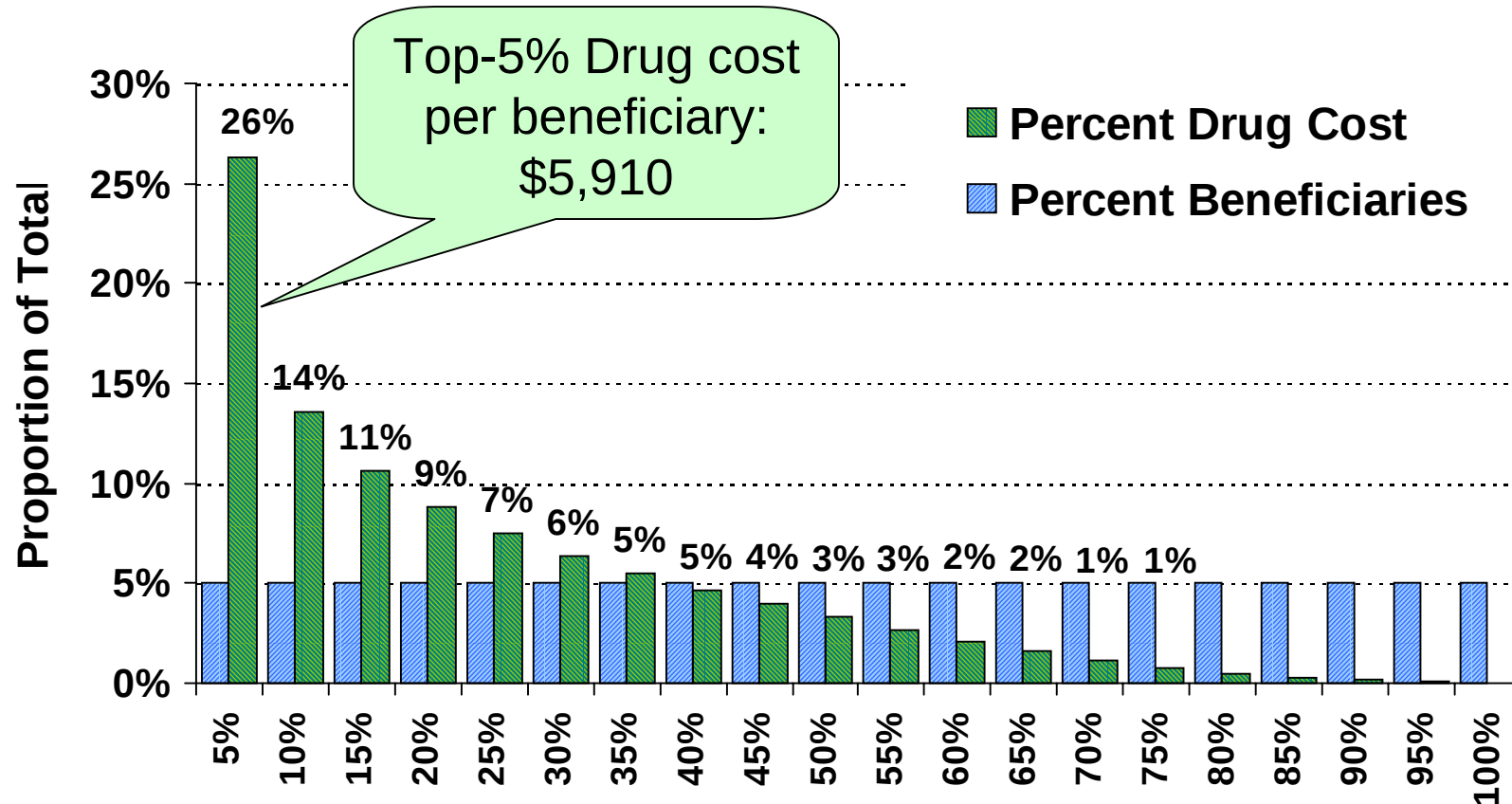


Fastest Growing Classes by Drug Cost, 2001/02-2002/03



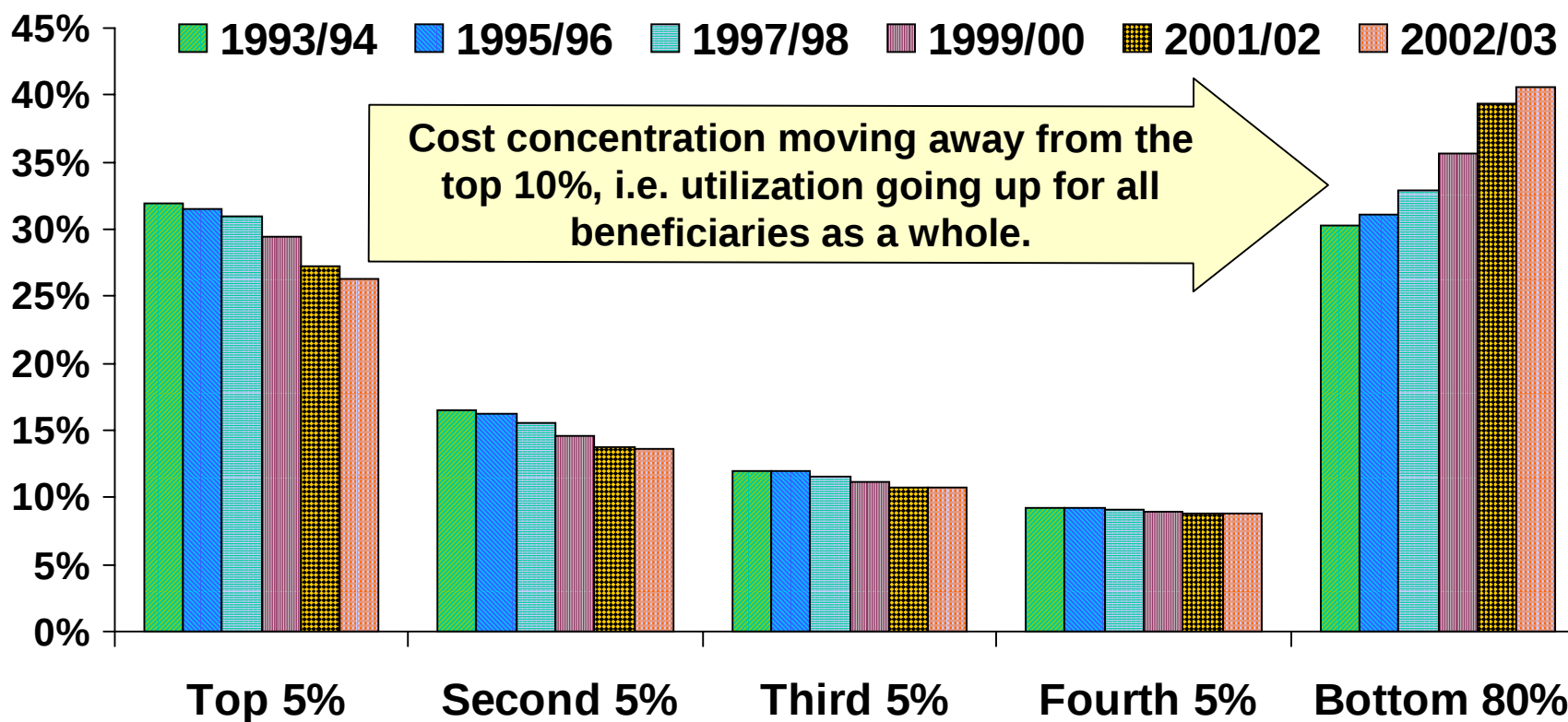


Cost Concentration, From Most to Least Costly Beneficiary, 2002/03



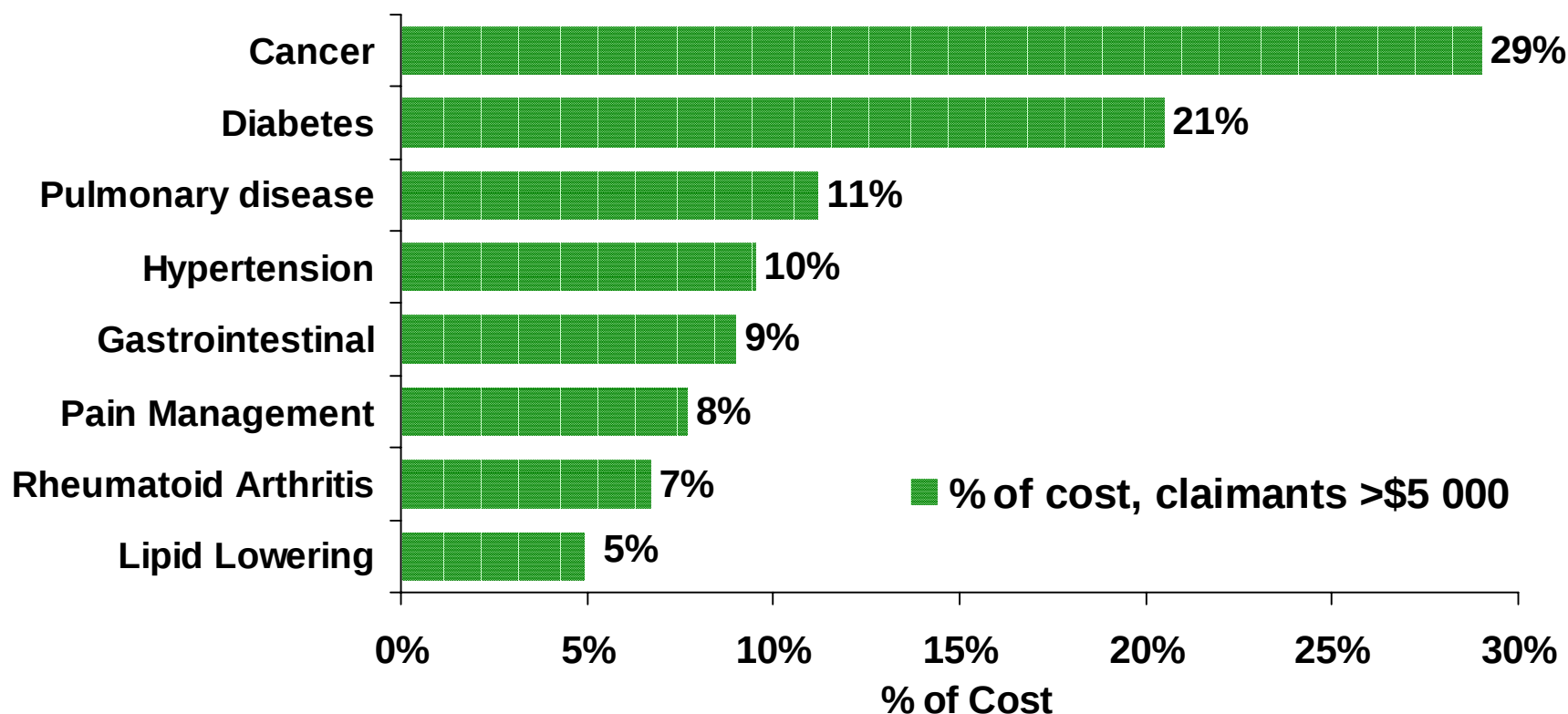


Trend in Cost Concentration 1993/94-2002/03





Top Therapeutic Areas in High Cost Claimants (>\$5,000), 2002/03





Highlights of Overview

- Drugs are the fastest component of healthcare spending, but still represent just 9% of public expenditures.
- In past years, there was a large decline of beneficiaries covered under MCSS programs, while the number of seniors covered under MOHLTC kept growing.
- Cardiovascular drugs account for over a third of total program expenditures, which is related to the prevalence of heart problems.
- A small portion (10%) of beneficiaries account for a large proportion of expenditures (40%).



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Definitions

- Drug cost = Cost at formulary prices
- Markup = Pharmacy Markup + Wholesale Markup
- RxCost = Drug cost + Markup + Dispensing fee
- Gov't cost = Drug cost + Markup + Dispensing fee – Recipient Cost
- Figures includes MOH and MCSS programs unless otherwise specified.



ODB Financial Statistics

2001/02-2002/03

	<u>2001/02</u>	<u>2002/03</u>	<u>Change</u>
Drug Cost	\$1,869M	\$2,131M	14%
+ Markup	\$ 174M	\$ 196M	12%
+ Dispensing Fee	\$ 346M	\$ 393M	14%
= RxCost	\$2,389M	\$2,720M	14%

	<u>2001/02</u>	<u>2002/03</u>
Markup, as % of total Drug Cost *	8.5%	8.4%
Est. % of cost-to- operator claims	10%	16%

* Excludes compounding fees of \$4.4M



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- Deductible	\$ 274M	\$ 304M	11%
= Government Cost	\$ 2,115M	\$2,416M	14%
MOHLTC	\$ 1,678M	\$ 1,925M	15%
MCSS	\$ 438M	\$ 491M	12%



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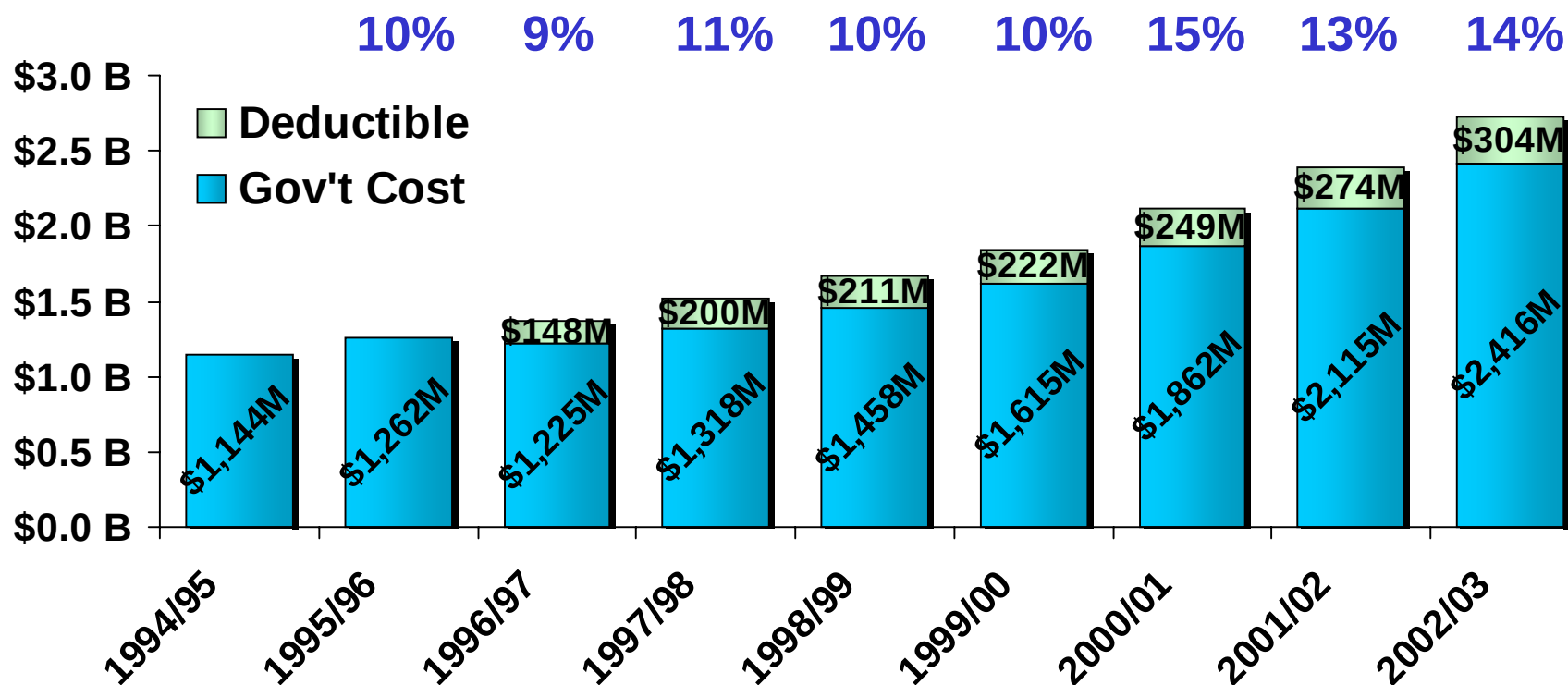
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Brand	\$ 1,458M	\$ 1,696M	16%
Generic	\$ 411M	\$ 435M	6%
Beneficiaries	2.06M	2.08M	1%
RxCost/Beneficiary	\$ 1,160	\$ 1,306	13%
RxCost/Claim	\$ 43.20	\$ 43.63	1%
Claims/Beneficiary	26.9	29.9	11%



Government & Beneficiary Cost 1995/96-2002/03

Growth rate of total cost

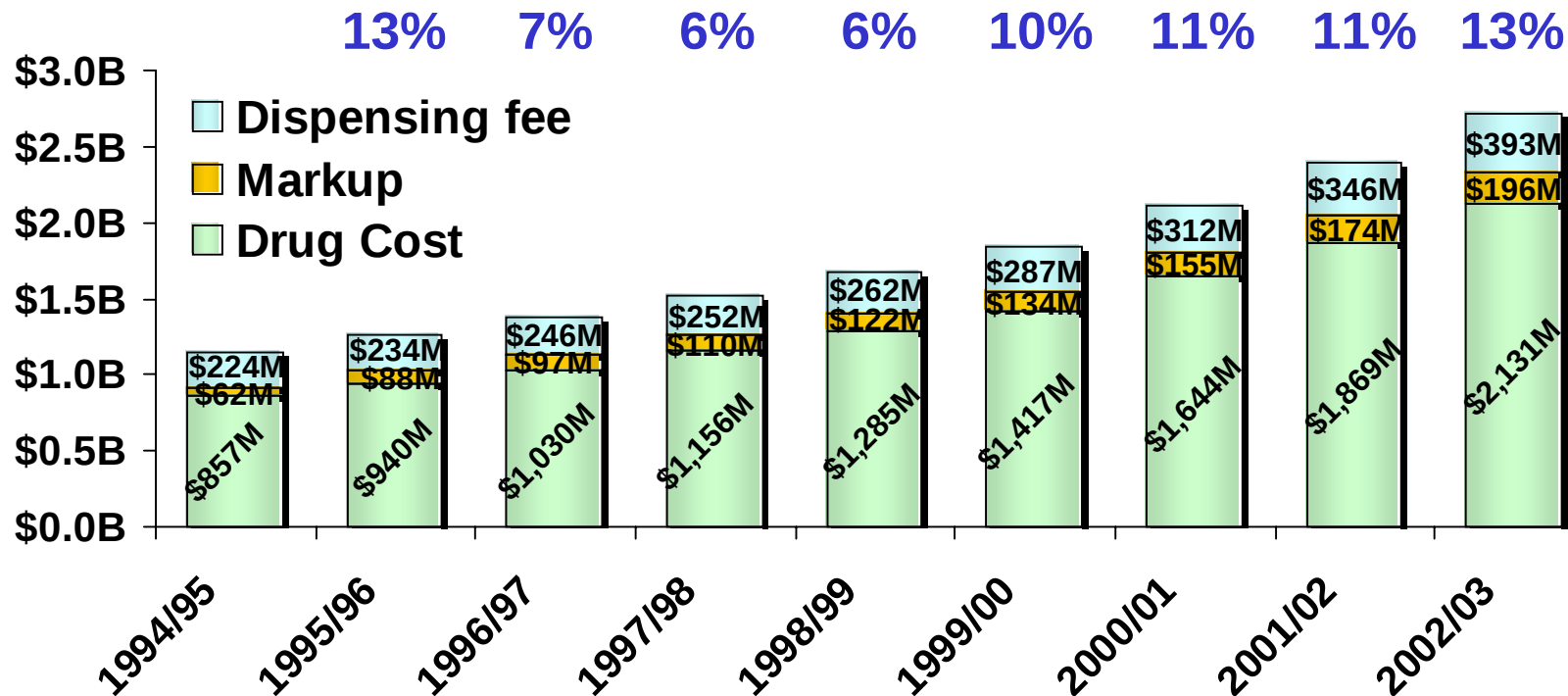




Total Cost by Type of Spending 1995/96-2002/03

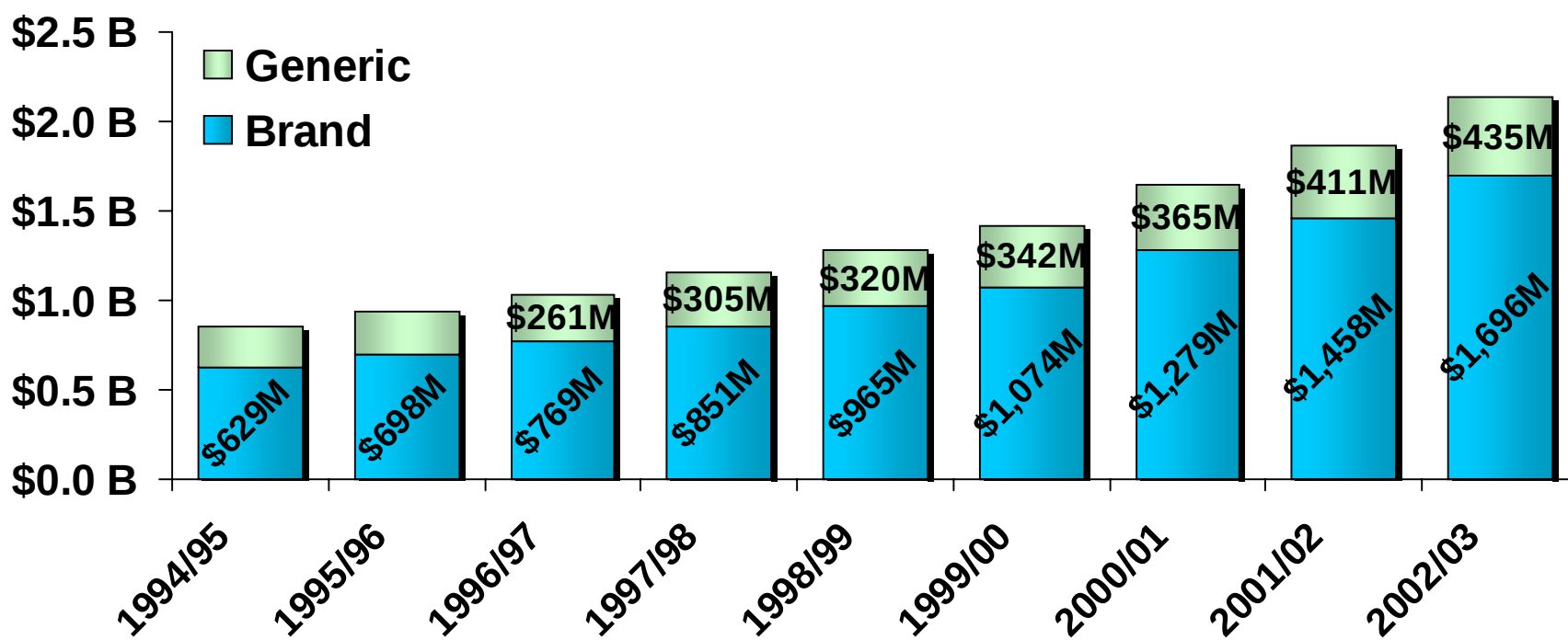
Year over Year Growth of Distribution Costs

(Mark up + Dispensing fee)





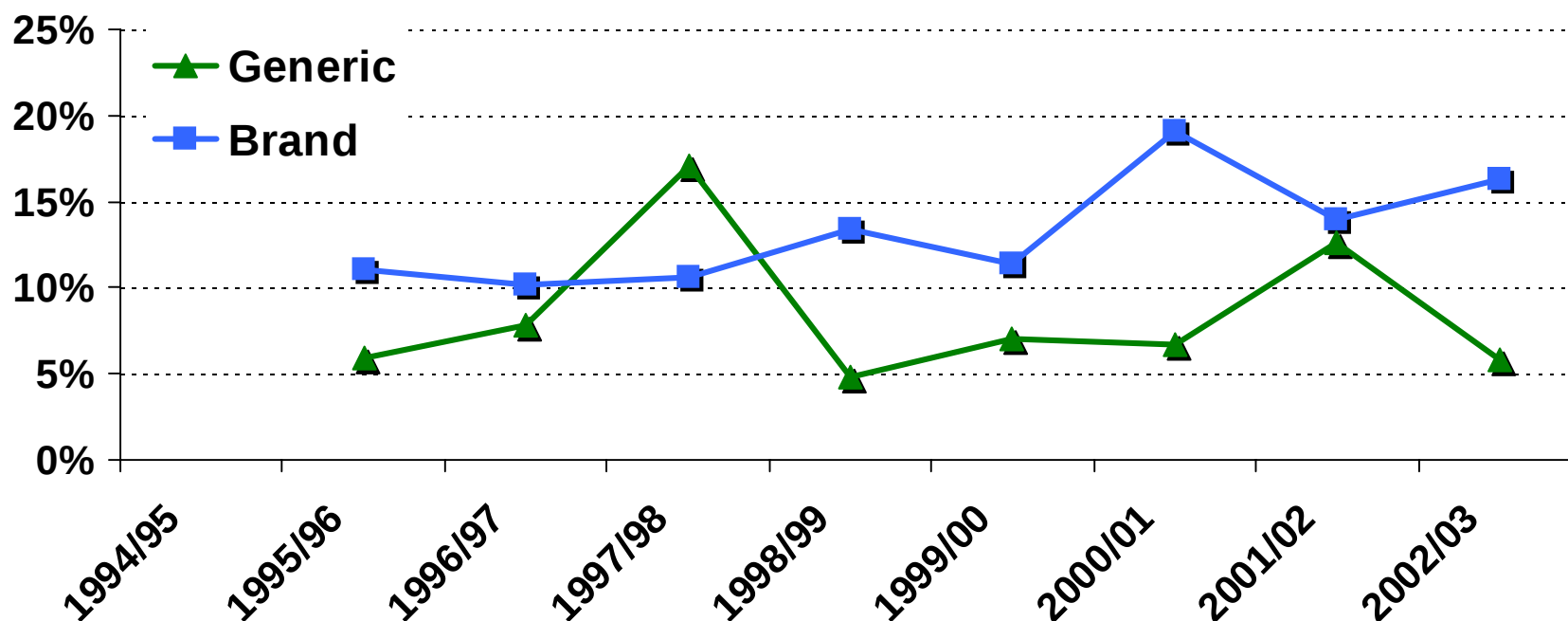
Brand vs. Generic Drug Cost 1995/96-2002/03



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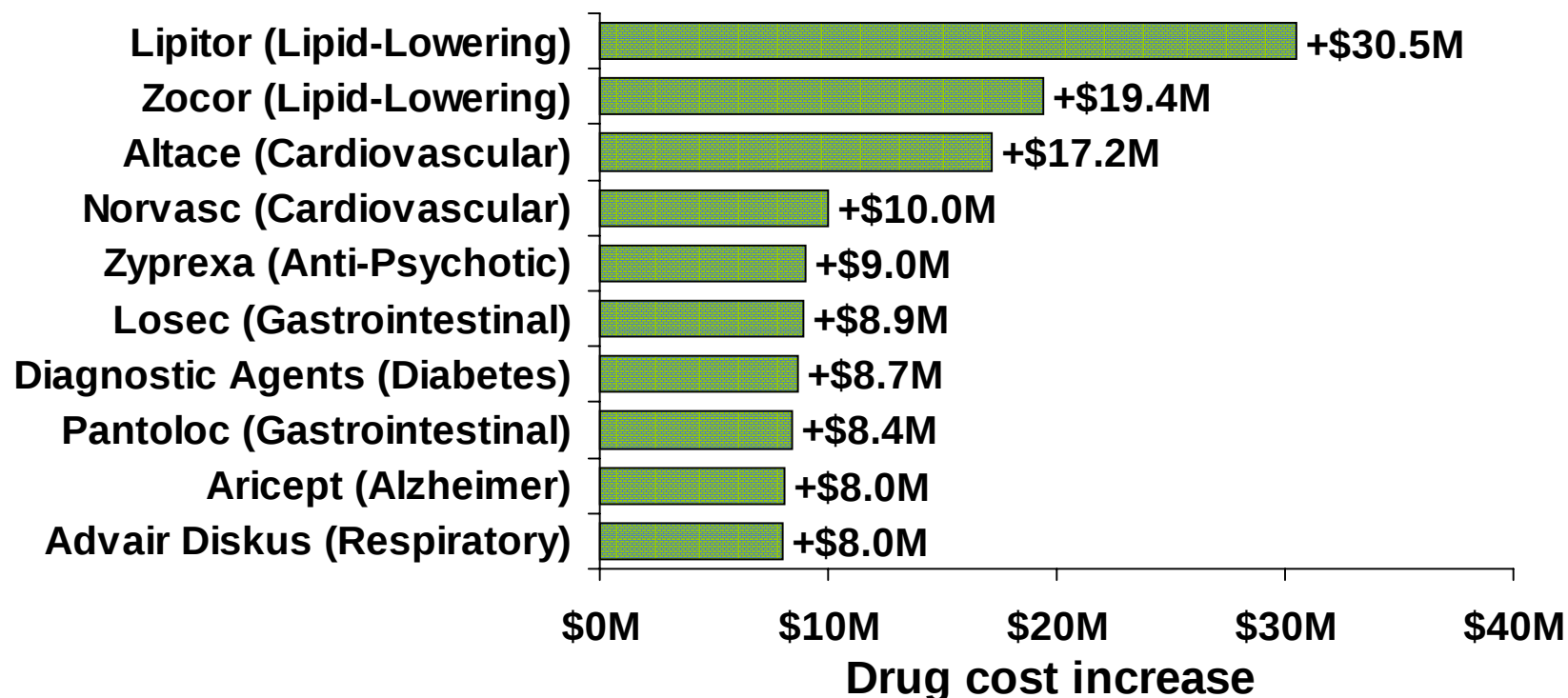
Top-10 Chemicals by Drug Cost, 2002/03

Rk	Drug Name	Class	Drug Cost	% Total Drug Cost
1	Atorvastatin (Lipitor)	Lipid-Lowering	\$142 M	6.7%
2	Omeprazole (Losec) - LU	Gastrointestinal	\$100 M	4.7%
3	Simvastatin (Zocor)	Lipid-Lowering	\$79 M	3.7%
4	Amlodipine besylate (Norvasc)	Cardiovascular	\$78 M	3.7%
5	Ramipril (Altace)	Cardiovascular	\$68 M	3.2%
6	Diagnostic Agent – Diabetes	Diagnostic Agents	\$61 M	2.8%
7	Olanzapine (Zyprexa)	Anti-psychotic	\$59 M	2.8%
8	Enalapril Maleate (Vasotec)	Cardiovascular	\$44 M	2.1%
9	Diltiazem HCl (Tiazac)	Cardiovascular	\$38 M	1.8%
10	Fluticasone (Flovent) – LU	Respiratory	\$35 M	1.6%
TOTAL Top-10			\$767 M	33%



Fastest Growing Products

Drug Cost, 2001/02-2002/03



10 products = 65% of total increase (vs. 56% in 2001/02)

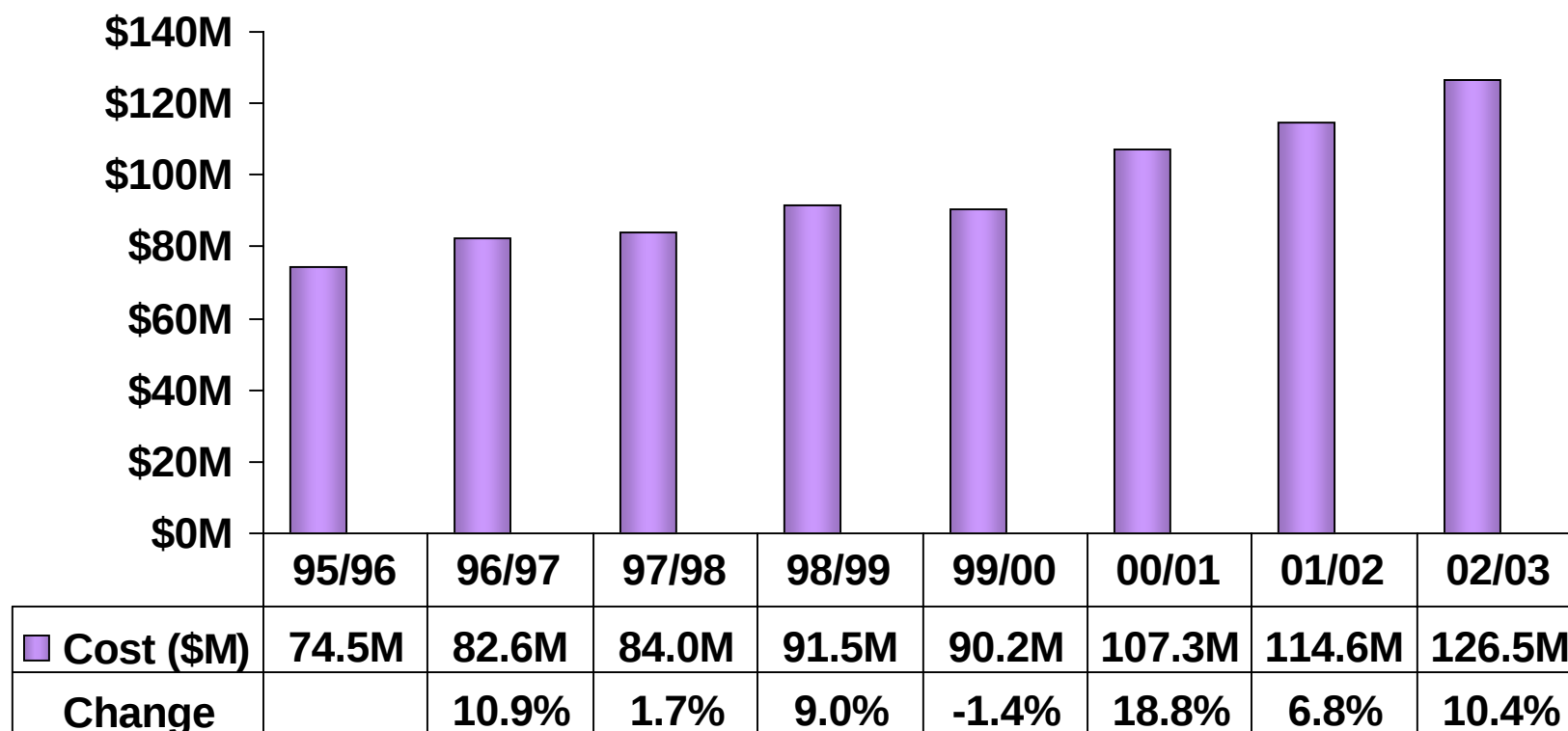


Top-10 Chemicals Launched Since 2000, by Drug Cost, 2002/03

Rk	Drug Name	Class	Drug Cost	% Total Drug Cost
1	Meloxicam (Mobicox)	Gastrointestinal	\$17.1M	0.80%
2	Infliximab (Remicade) – Section 8	Immunosuppressant	\$7.4M	0.35%
3	Imatinib Mesylate (Gleevec) – Section 8	Cancer	\$6.0M	0.28%
4	Lopinavir & Ritonavir (Kaletra)	Antiviral	\$4.7M	0.22%
5	Etanercept (Enbrel) – Section 8	Immunosuppressant	\$4.3M	0.20%
6	Rabeprazole Sodium (Pariet)	Gastrointestinal	\$3.5M	0.16%
7	Rivastigmine (Exelon) – LU	Alzheimer's Disease	\$3.2M	0.15%
8	Leflunomide (Arava) – LU	Immunosuppressant	\$3.1M	0.15%
9	Galantamine (Reminyl) – LU	Alzheimer's Disease	\$2.8M	0.13%
10	Pioglitazone (Actos) – Section 8	Diabetes	\$1.9M	0.09%
TOTAL Top-10			\$54.0M	2.53%



Special Drugs Program Cost 1995/96-2002/03





Highlights of Financials

- Government share per beneficiary is \$1,023, a 13% increase over 2001/02
- The average cost per claim rose 1%, and the number of claims per beneficiary went up 11%.
- The 10 fastest growing products accounted for 65% of the total cost increase.
- \$589M went to pharmacies (small portion flows through to wholesalers) versus \$1,696M to brand name manufacturers and \$435M to generic manufacturers



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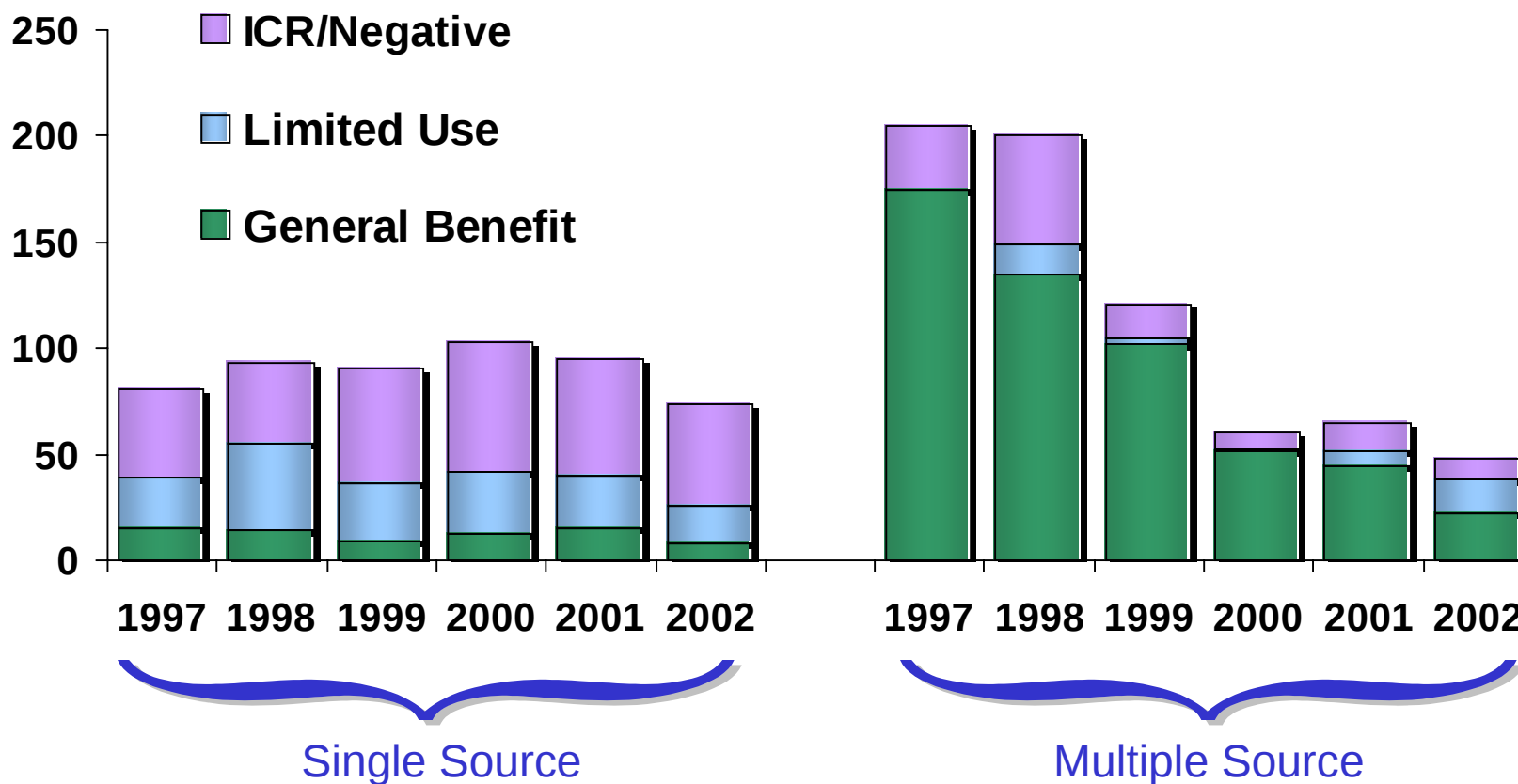
Clinical Criteria and Reimbursement for ODB Eligible Recipients

- General Benefit
 - Reimbursement for the drug product is without restrictions.
- Limited Use Products
 - Reimbursement for certain drugs is dependent on specific clinical criteria.
- Individual Clinical Review (Section 8)
 - Individual requests for coverage of drug products not listed in the formulary are reviewed on a case by case basis.



DQTC Recommendations

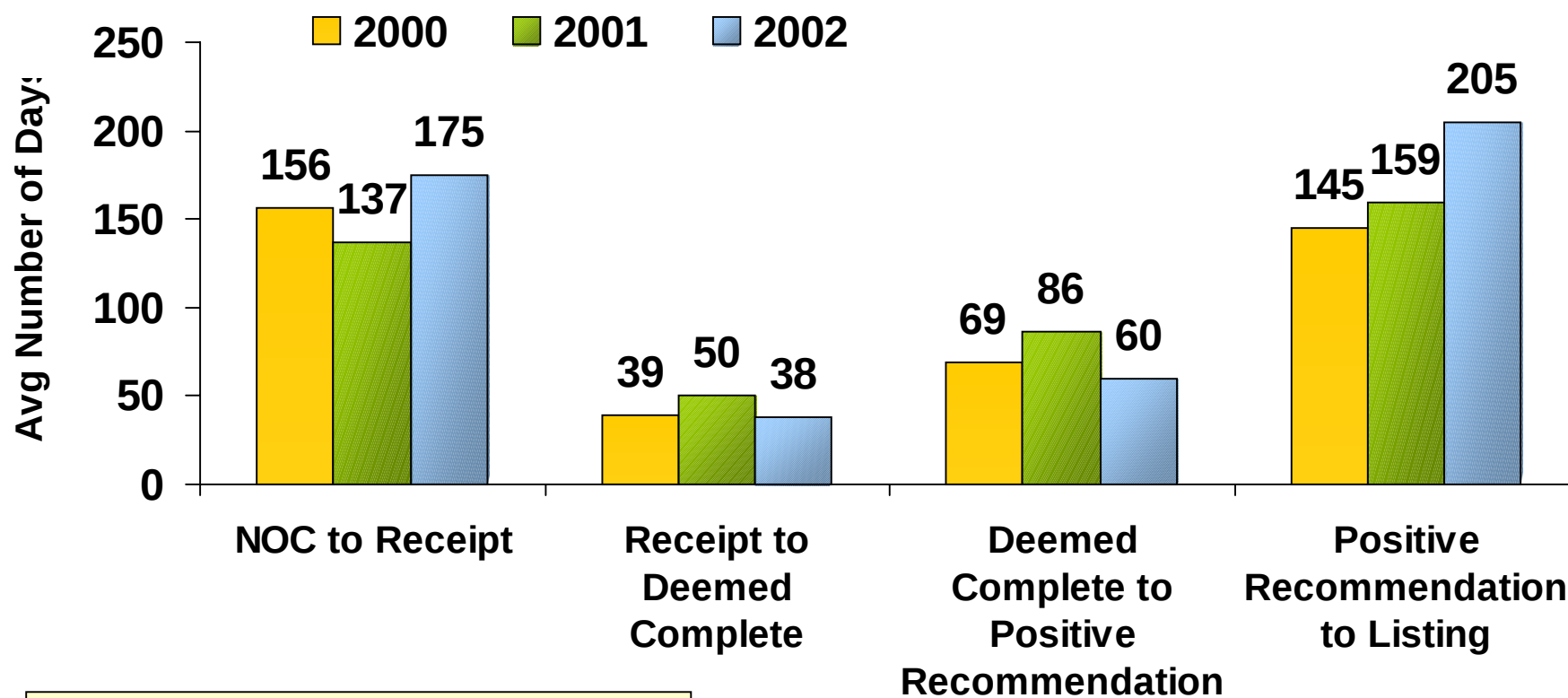
First Review, 1997-2002





DPB Review Timeline

Products Listed in 2000-2002



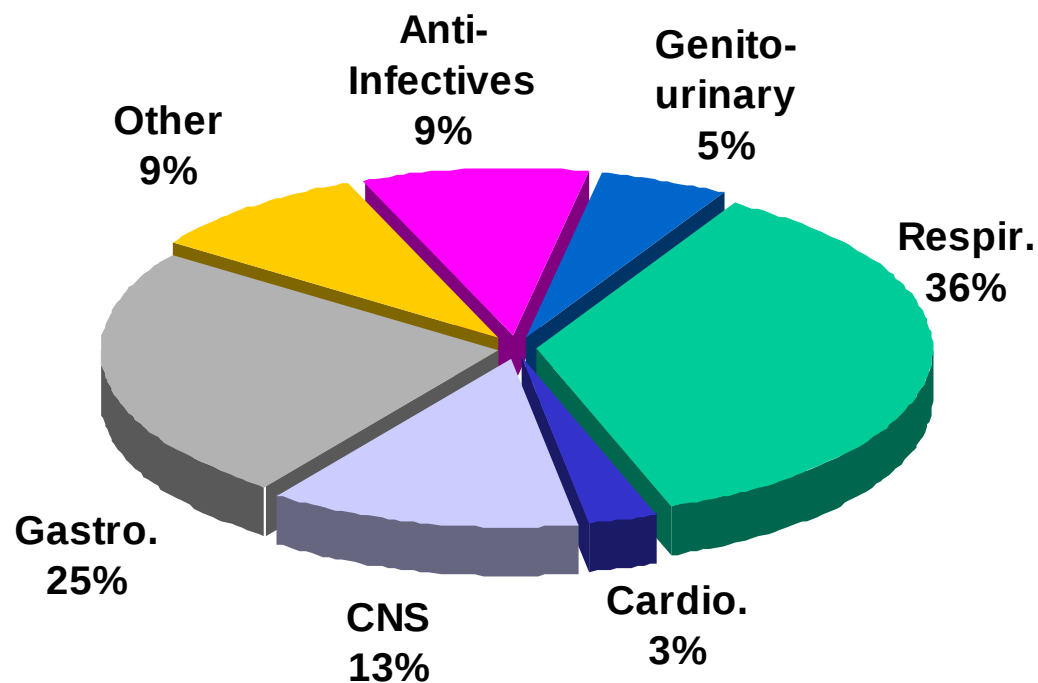
N=42 Single Source DINs Listed in 2001
(Edition 37 + 2 updates)



Written Agreements by Therapeutic Class, 2002/03

- Forecasted cost provided by manufacturers for each of the first three years of new single-source drugs listed
- 161 agreements have been signed as of Formulary 38.

\$419 Million





Written Agreements Experience to Date

Written Agreement Level	Number	Percentage
Over written agreement amount	42	30%
Tracking at or slightly below written agreement level (i.e., >80% to <=100%)	31	22%
Tracking below written agreement level (i.e., <=80%)	66	47%
TOTAL	139	100%

(Agreements up to and including Update 3 to Formulary No. 37)



Top-10 Chemicals by Days of Therapy (million), 2002/03

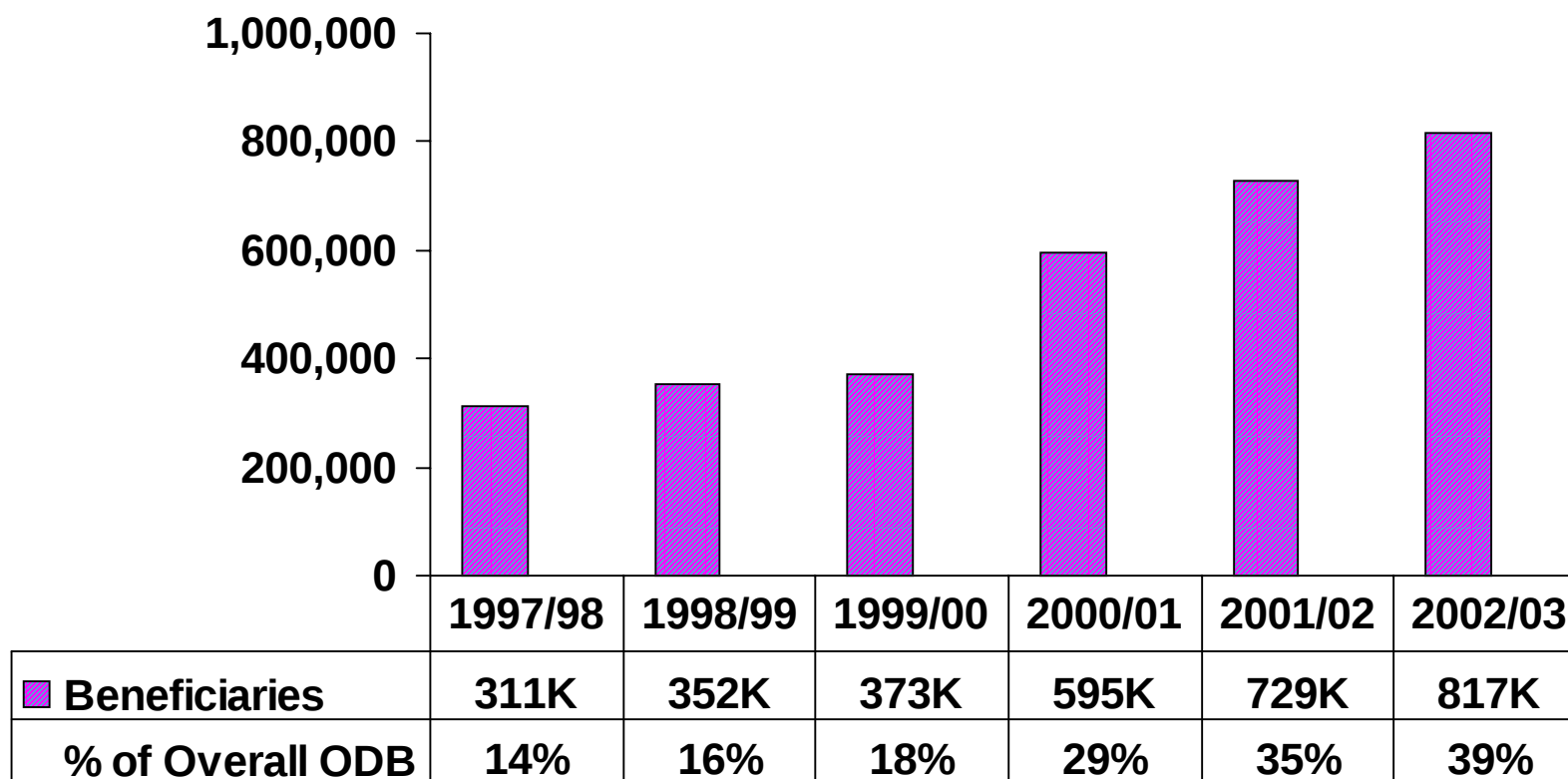
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3	Ramipril (Altace)	Cardiovascular	73 M	3.3%
4	ASA	Analgesic	60 M	2.8%
5	Hydrochlorothiazide	Diuretics	59 M	2.7%
6	Amlodipine Besylate (Norvasc)	Cardiovascular	51 M	2.3%
7	Furosemide	Diuretics	48 M	2.2%
8	Atenolol	Cardiovascular	47 M	2.2%
9	Ranitidine HCl	Gastrointestinal	44 M	2.0%
10	Metformin HCl	Anti-Diabetic	43 M	2.0%
TOTAL Top 10			579 M	26.6%

All these drugs are
General Benefits



Limited Use Products

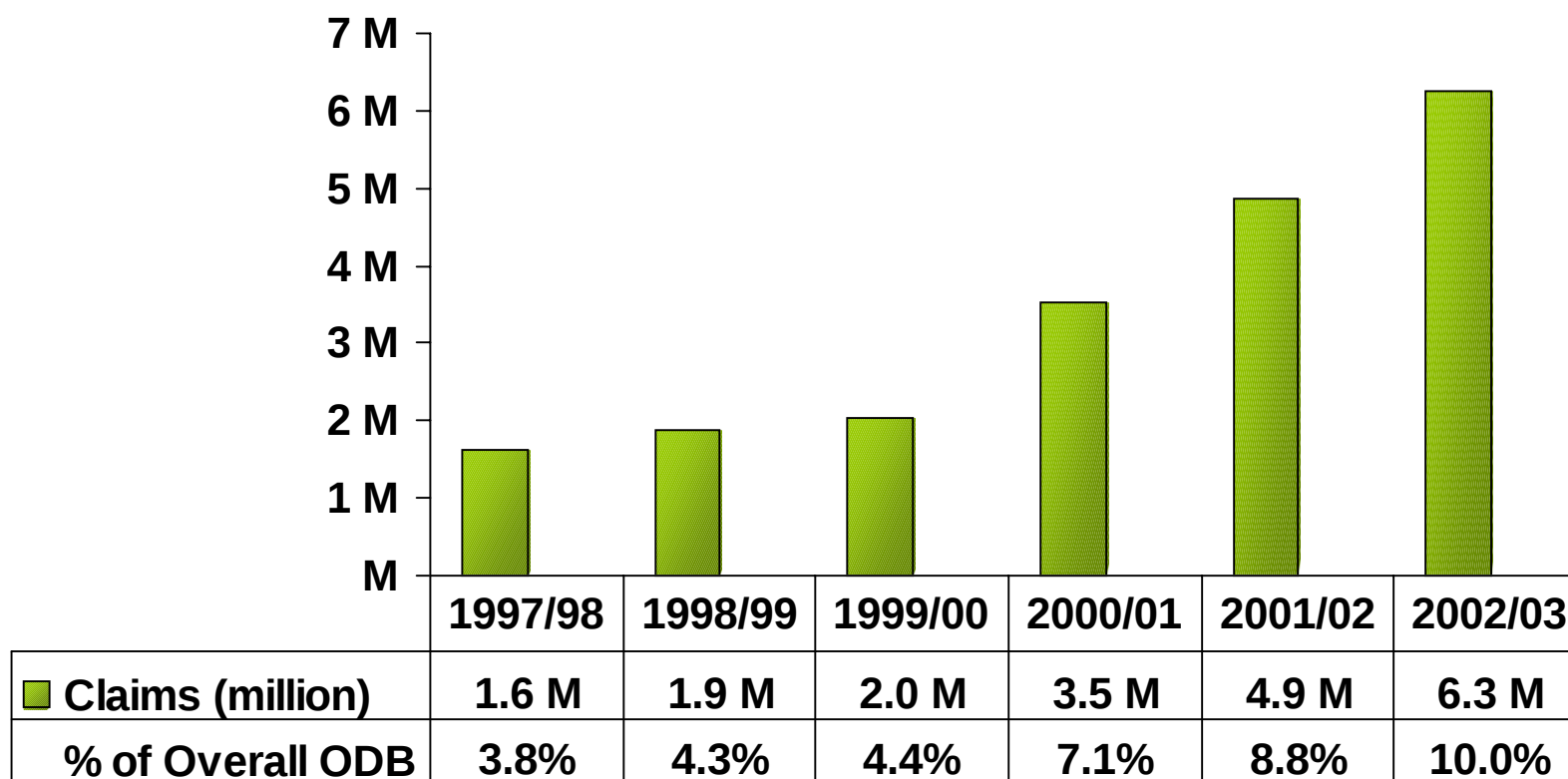
Number of Users, 1996/97-2002/03





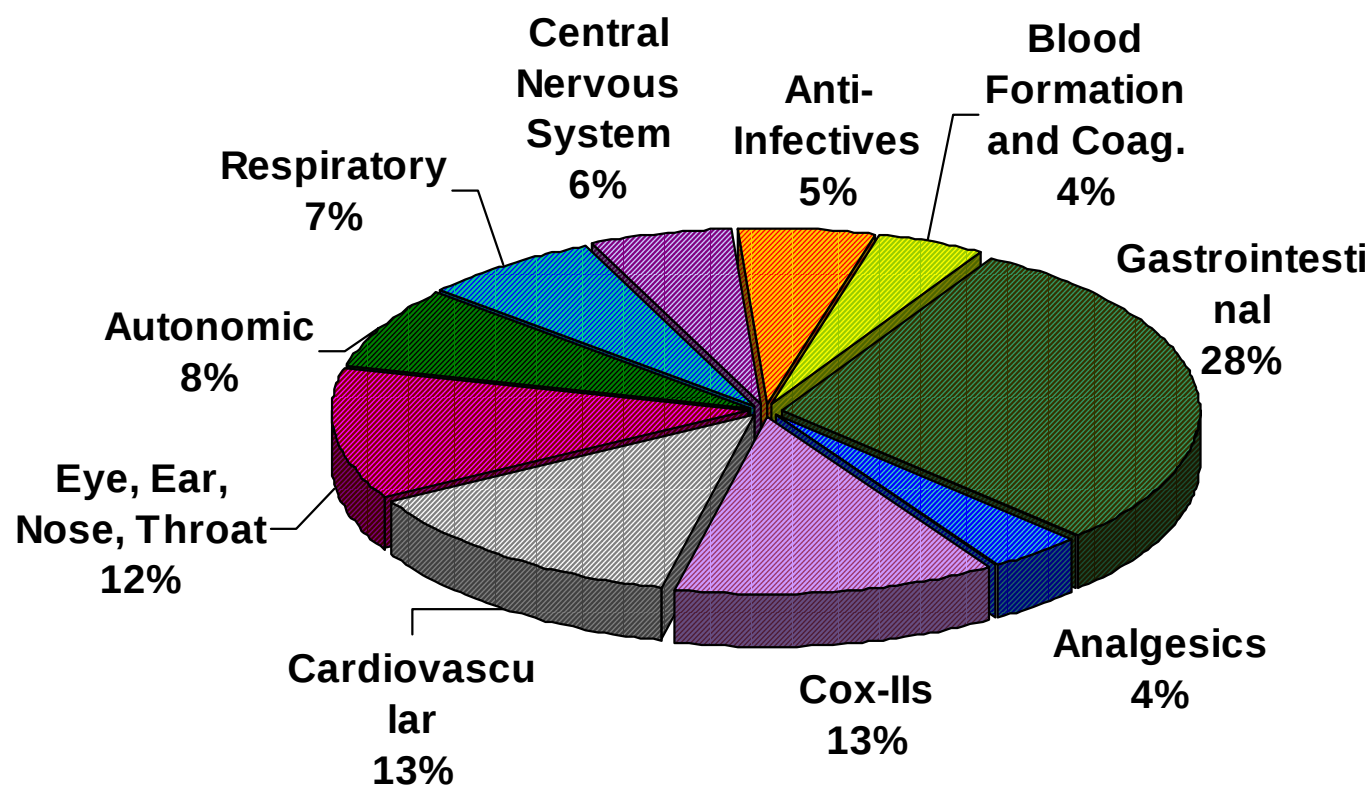
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Number of Claims, 1996/97-2002/03





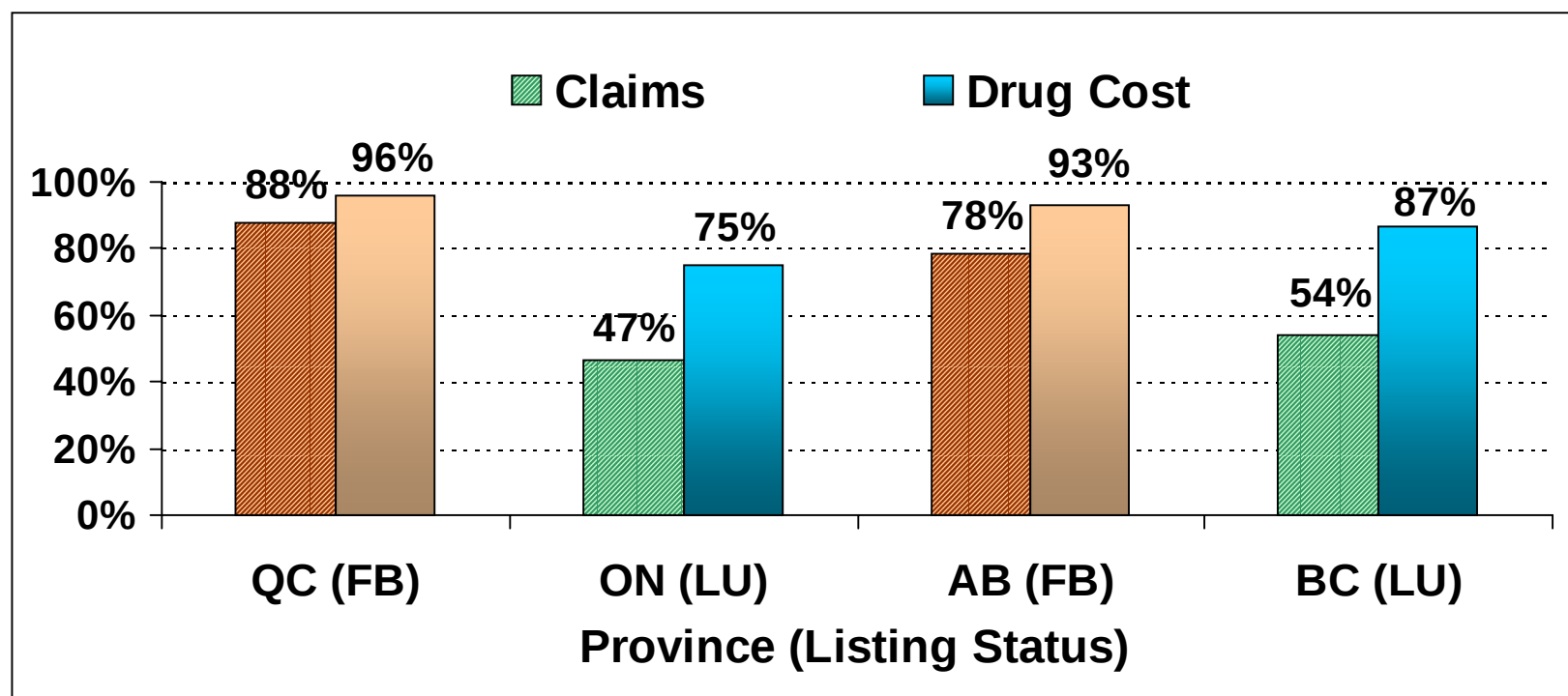
Limited Use Products Claims by Class, 2002/03





Limited Use Products vs. Entire Class, by province, 2002

Proton Pump Inhibitors vs. Class*

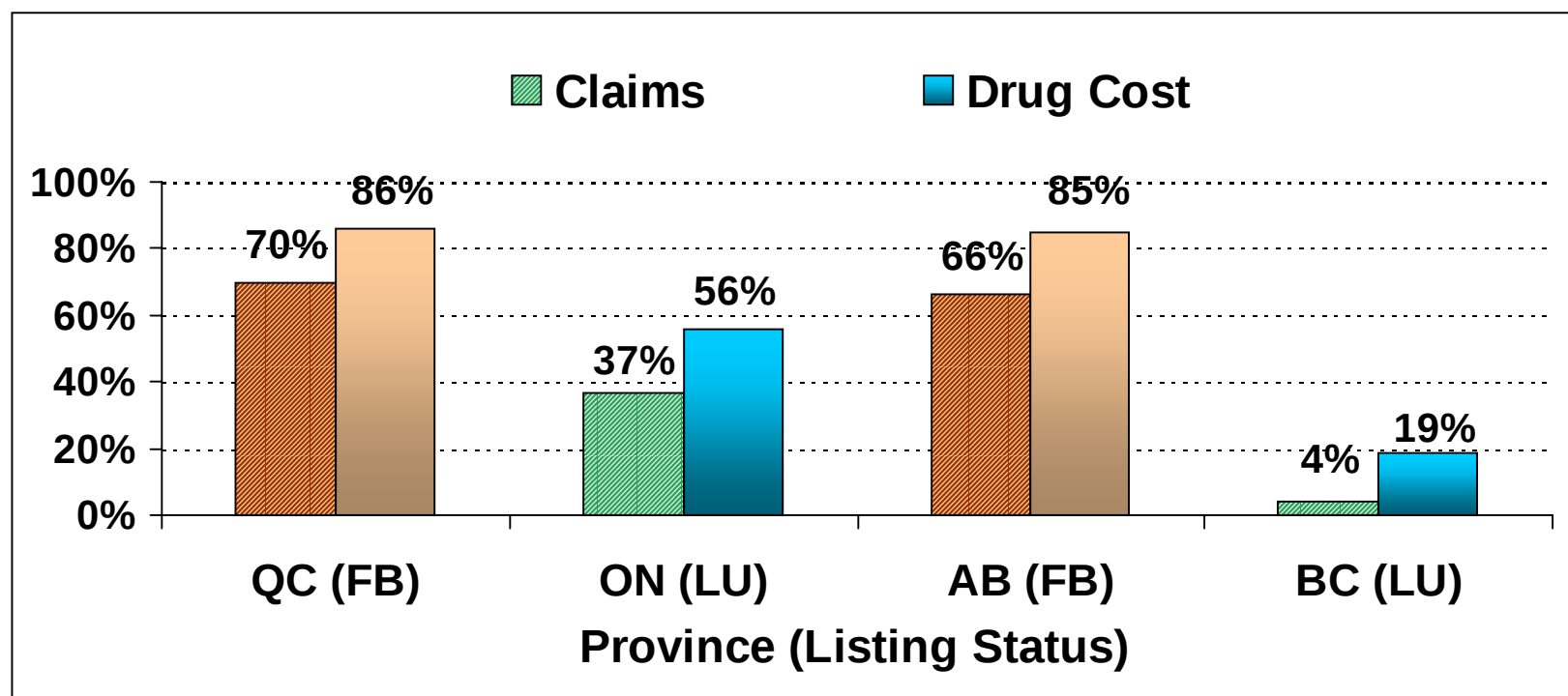


*The class is defined as Proton Pump Inhibitors and Histamine H2 Receptor Antagonists.



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Cox-II Inhibitors vs. Class*

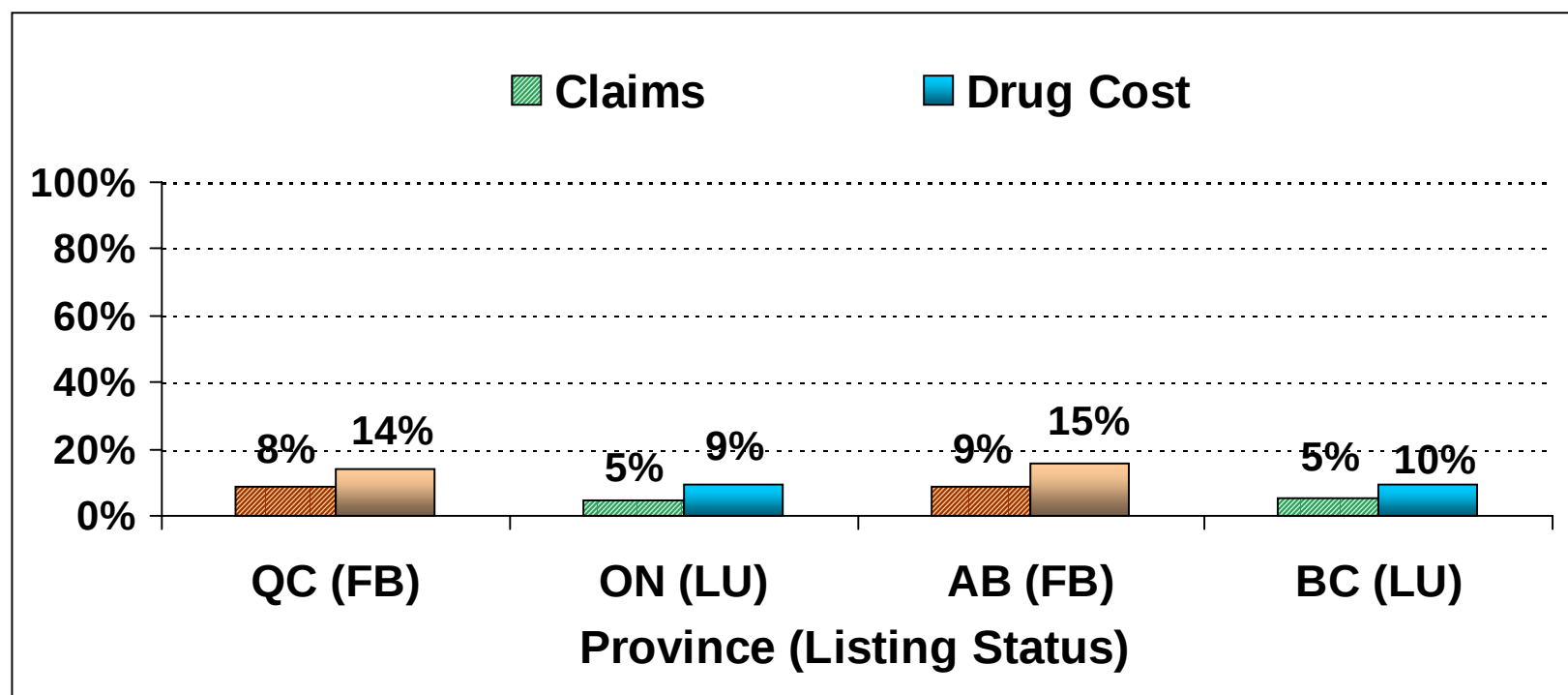


*The Limited Use drugs are Celebrex and Vioxx. The class is all Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drugs (excluding ASA).



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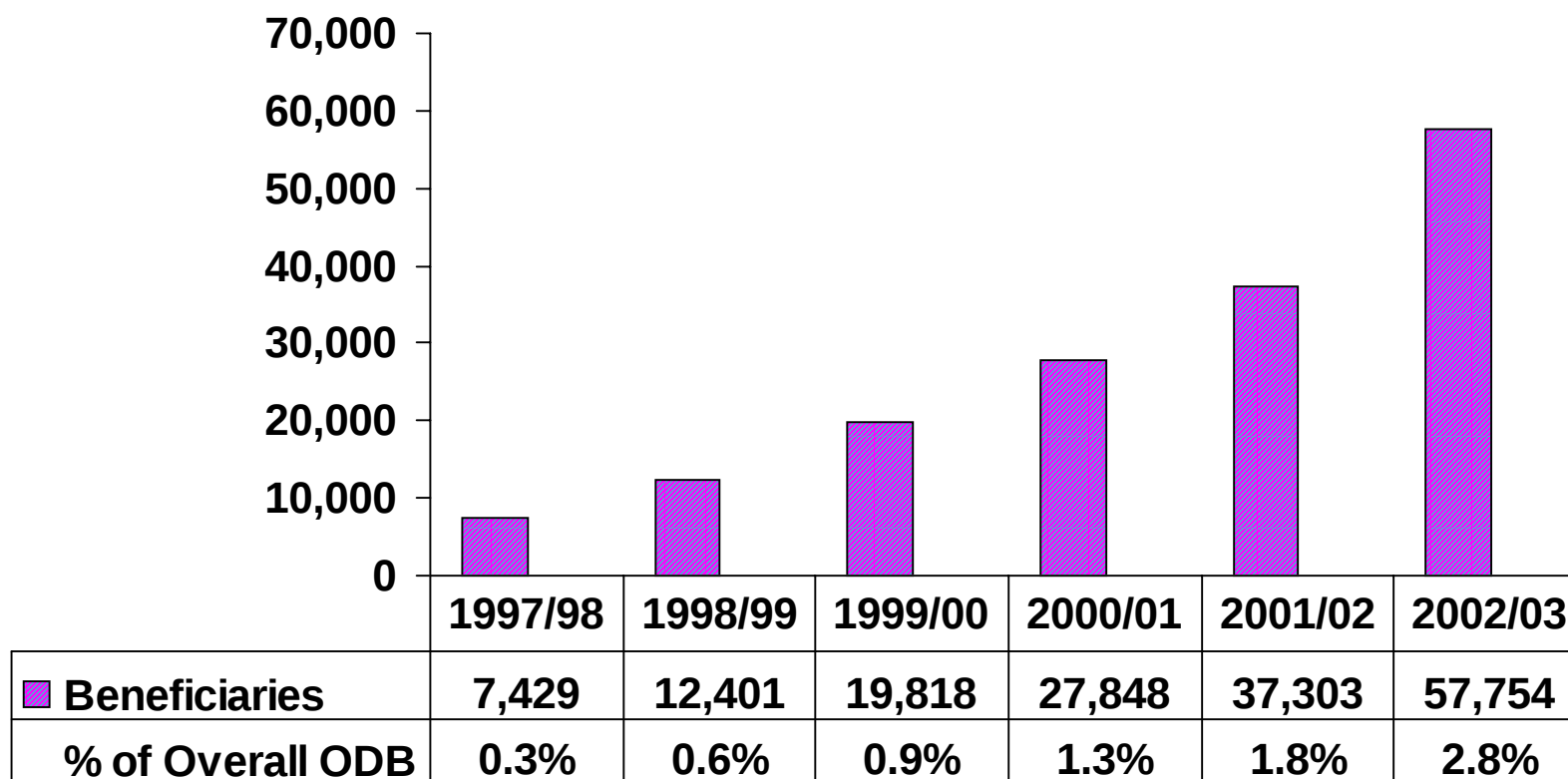
Angiotensin II Antagonists vs. Class*



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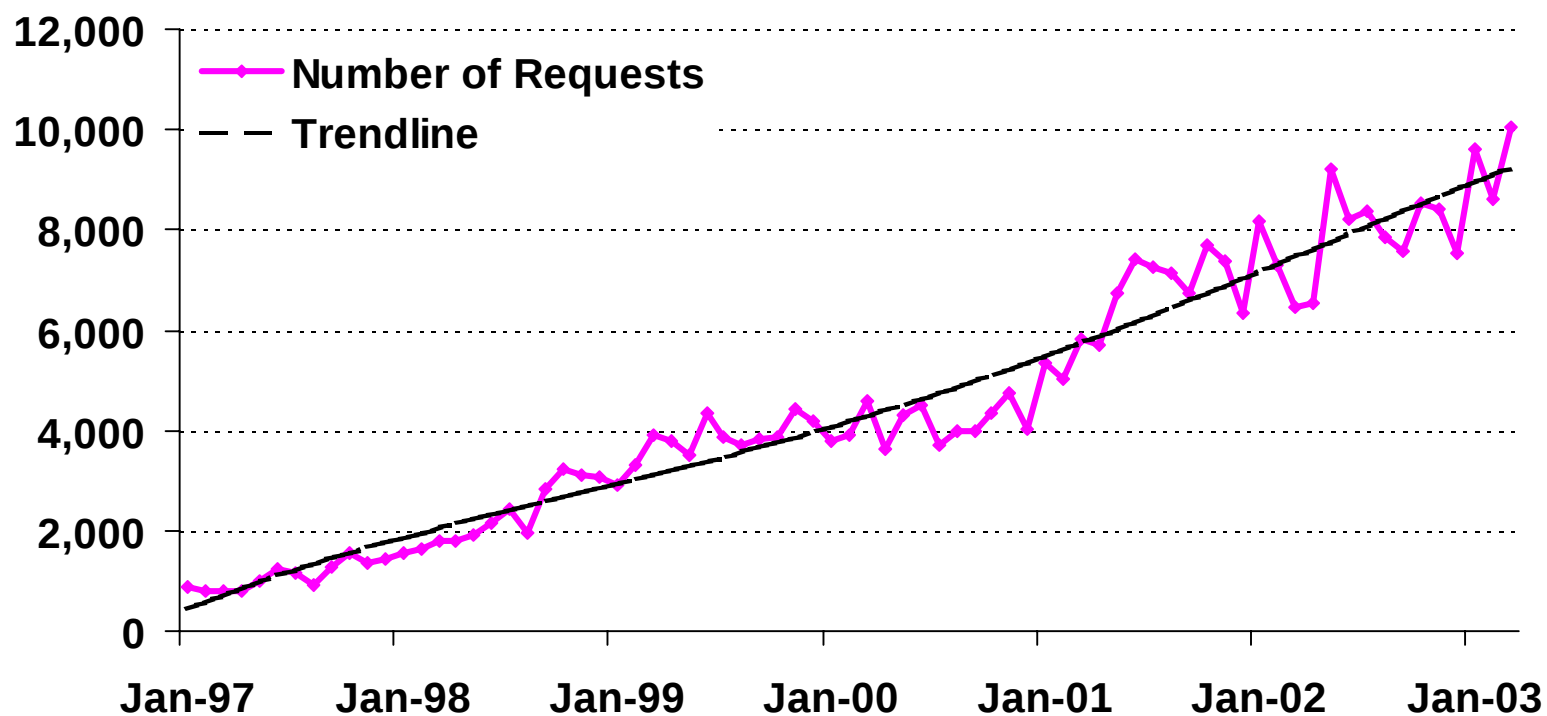


Individual Clinical Review Beneficiaries, 1997/98-2002/03



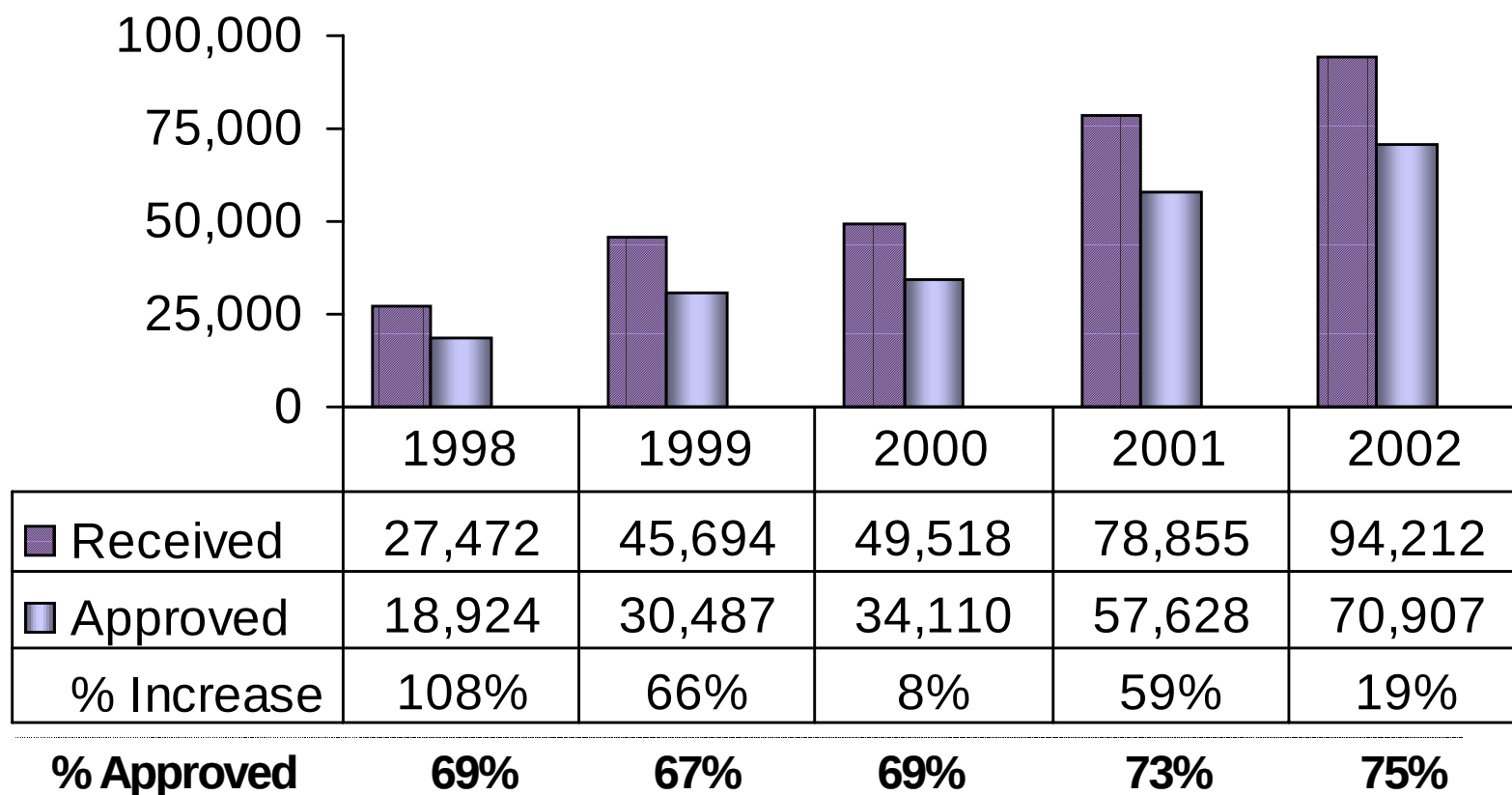


Monthly ICR Requests January 1997-March 2003





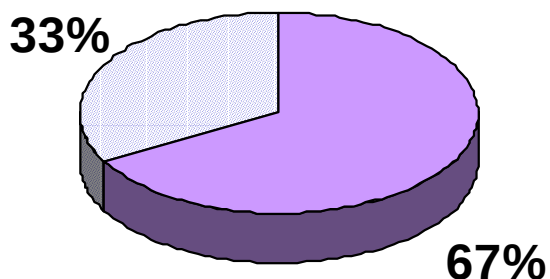
ICR Requests & Approval Rate 1998-2002



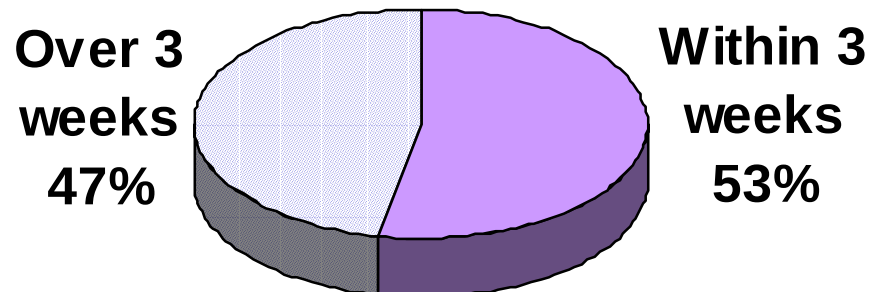


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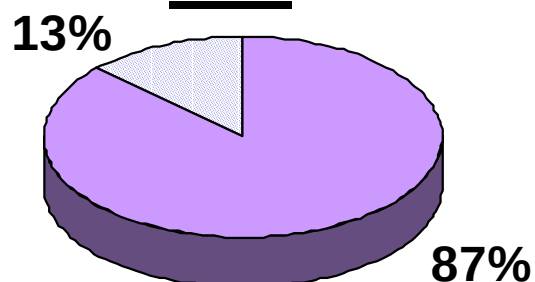
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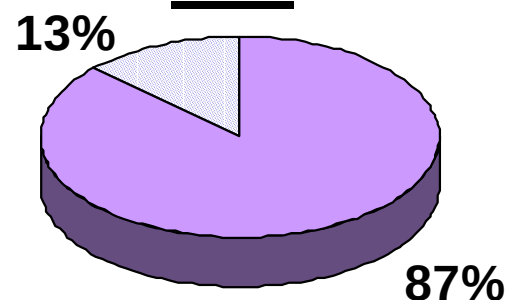
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ICR Top-10 Requested Drugs, 2002/03

Rk	Drug	Requests	Approved	% Approved	Gov't Cost
1	Plavix	37,586	32,983	88%	\$18.6M
2	Avandia	7,976	5,859	73%	\$3.7M
3	Actos	3,957	3,147	80%	\$2.1M
4	Gabapentin	2,704	1,973	73%	\$0.7M
5	Miacalcin	2,093	1,011	48%	\$0.5M
6	Eprex	1,904	1,067	56%	\$5.4M
7	Neupogen	1,787	1,431	80%	\$5.9M
8	Remicade	1,710	1,431	80%	\$7.8M
9	GlucNorm	1,464	919	63%	\$0.2M
10	Singulair	1,324	945	71%	\$0.5M
Top-10 Total		62,505	50,766	81%	\$45.4M



ICR, Top-10 Drugs by Government Cost, 2002/03

Rk	Drug	Beneficiaries	Rx	Gov't Cost
1	Plavix	29,493	170,915	\$18.6M
2	Remicade	491	1,872	\$7.8M
3	Gleevec	302	1,590	\$6.5M
4	Rebif	454	3,460	\$6.1M
5	Neupogen	1,008	3,262	\$5.9M
6	Eprex	605	2,535	\$5.4M
7	Rebetron	552	3,111	\$4.7M
8	Enbrel	510	3,177	\$4.7M
9	Betaseron	353	2,531	\$4.3M
10	Avandia	5,380	25,195	\$3.7M
Total Top 10 Section 8		39,148	217,648	\$67.7M
% Top 10 Section 8 / Total Section 8 FY 2002/03		67.8%	64.1%	68.3%



Highlights of Formulary

- In 2002, the DQTC recommended the listing of 26 single-source products, 8 as General Benefits and 18 as Limited Use Benefits.
- The average time from the receipt of submission to Formulary listing was 303 days in 2002.
- The top 10 drugs based on the number of days of therapy are all General Benefit.
- The number of days of therapy of Limited Use claims has quadrupled in the past seven fiscal years.
- Nearly 100,000 requests were processed through the Individual Clinical Review mechanism in 2002, and 75% of those requests were approved.



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Strategic Drug Review

2002/03 Accomplishments

- Established project team, Steering Committee and subcommittees;
- Contracted research and prepared background working papers

2003/04 Plan

- Interim report;
- Consultation with stakeholders;
- Final Report;
- Policy and budget proposals for Government consideration



Health Accord Catastrophic Drug Coverage

2002/03 Accomplishments

- Developed options for Ontario response to Kirby/Romanow;
- Assessed recipient, financial, program impact, opportunities and risks of Kirby/Romanow recommendations and Health Accord

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- Input into proposed performance measures, data collection and national definitions related to drug coverage;
- Develop forecasting model to test scenarios;
- Co-chair national Pharmaceutical Issues Committee's work on drug coverage issues



Primary Care Medication Management

2002/03 Accomplishments

- Conducted literature review and environmental scan of pharmacists' involvement in medication management;
- Consulted with front line pharmacists and physicians through focus groups

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- Consultation conference on medication management interventions;
- Establish criteria and process for Medication Management Demonstration Projects;
- Call for applications, review, and approvals



Formulary

2002/03 Accomplishments

- Formulary Updates Published - April 4, 2002;
July 29, 2002;
- Formulary Full Book Published - January 30, 2003

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- Quarterly Updates: Apr., July, Oct., Jan.;
- New print and electronic Limited Use guide;
- Exploration of Electronic Formulary



Common Drug Review

2002/03 Accomplishments

- Interim CDR process implemented;
- Active participation at national level on F/P/T committees

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- Participated in CEDAC nomination process;
- Develop process for handling CEDAC recommendations;
- Monitor timelines and decisions of CDR to ensure it meets Ontario's needs



Generic Streamlining

2002/03 Accomplishments

- Chaired F/P/T committee on generic streamlining;
- Participated at Health Canada's Expert Advisory Committee meeting

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- Roll out revised submission guidelines;
- Report C products streamlining;
- Start work on non-oral dosage forms (i.e. aqueous solutions)



Modernization

2002/03 Accomplishments

- Long term approvals for Individual Clinical Review Drugs;
- Drug Class review - osteoporosis, urinary incontinence, A2RBs, Eprex, biologics (rheumatology), multiple sclerosis

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- On-going drug class reviews - glaucoma, HRT, testosterone, diabetes, PPIs, COX-2 etc.



Individual Clinical Review (Section 8)

2002/03 Accomplishments

- Response time for urgent requests maintained, response time for non-urgent requests lengthened due to volume
- Focus groups for ICR improvement
- Expiry date message field and long term approvals

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- Forms for high volume drugs
- Additional staff to improve response times
- Electronic enhancements to improve workflow and delivery of services



Trillium Drug Program

2002/03 Accomplishments

- Maintained response times for new applications, renewals, and receipts reimbursements;
- Explored feasibility of electronic income data from Revenue Canada

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- Electronic enhancements to improve workflow and delivery of services;
- Work to implement electronic income data



Stakeholder Relations

2002/03 Accomplishments

- Regular meetings with pharmaceutical manufacturers and associations;
- Regular meetings with Ontario Pharmacists Association on pharmacy directions;
- Meetings with OMA Physician Services Committee, Family Health Network Template Evaluation and Consultation Committee, Drugs & Pharmacotherapy Committee;
- Focus groups with pharmacists, physicians, hospitals on Limited Use/ICR, Special Drugs, medication management;
- Participated in Pharma Investment roundtable



Stakeholder Relations

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- Similar to above
- Workshops with brand and generic manufacturers
- Meetings with private insurers
- e-Pharmacy council on HNS initiatives